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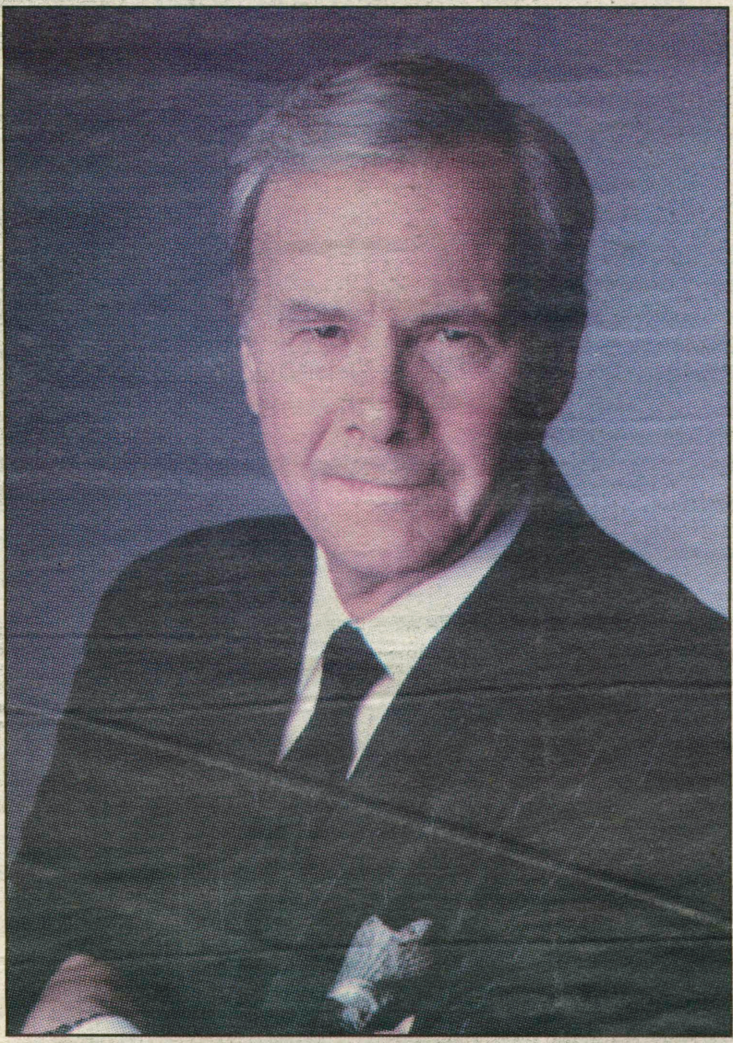

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Former NBC Anchor Tom Brokaw will visit Hamilton this spring as the 13th speaker in the Sacerdote Great Names Speaker Series.

Brokaw will lecture in April as next Great Names Speaker

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Tom Brokaw, longtime anchor and managing editor of "NBC Nightly News," will be the 13th speaker in the Sacerdote Great Names Series, College officials confirmed this week. Brokaw will visit campus and speak at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2006, in Margaret Bundy Scott Field House.

Currently the NBC News Special Correspondent, Brokaw has worked for NBC News for 38 years, including 20 years as the anchor of "Nightly News." Prior to that, he anchored NBC News's "Today" program from 1976-1981 and served as the network's White House Correspondent from 1973-1976.

Brokaw, 65, stepped down as anchor and executive editor of "Nightly News" late last year, giving his last broadcast on December 1, 2004. During his tenure, "Nightly News" was the most watched cable or broadcast newscast in the United States.

In addition to his career as a broadcast journalist, Brokaw has published articles, essays and commentary for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek*, *Time*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Life*, and *National Geographic*, among others. He is also the best-selling author of "The Greatest Generation," the 1998 book examining the contributions of America's World War II generation. His other books include "The Greatest Generation Speaks" (1999), "An Album of Memories" (2001) and "A Long Way from Home" (2002).

Over the last 30 years, Brokaw became a household name through his extensive political and news coverage. In addition to covering every presidential election since 1968, he has anchored all of NBC's political coverage since 1984, including primaries, national conventions and election nights. He also moderated nine primary and general election debates.

Brokaw has repeatedly been in the midst of breaking national and world news. In 2004, he traveled to the Asian subcontinent and secured interviews with Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf and Afghan President Hamid Karzai. On March 19, 2003, Brokaw was the first U.S. news anchor to report that the war with Iraq had begun. The next month, he landed the first interview with President George W. Bush after the president declared the end of major combat.

Brokaw has won numerous awards throughout his career, including several Emmy, Overseas Press Club and National Headliner Awards. In 2003, Brokaw was honored with the Emmy for Outstanding Interview for "America Remembers: 9/11 Air Traffic Controllers." In 1997, he was awarded an Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism for "Why Can't We Live Together," a documentary that examined the hidden realities of racial separation in American suburbs. More recently, he won a Peabody award in 2004 for

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Assistant Director of Residential Life Travis Hill took an opportunity to pie Resident Advisor Phil Valenti '06 last Friday. ResLife organized the "Pie Your RA" fundraiser to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina. The event was held in the McEwen Breezeway during lunchtime on September 23.

PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Jitney ride-alongs paid by SA

by Caitlin Rochford '06
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

The Student Assembly (SA) voted to approve the funding of the Jitney ride-along service at its meeting on Monday, September 26. The funding was approved with all voting in favor, except five abstentions, according to SA Secretary Evelyn Shapiro '06.

Student ride-alongs will now accompany Jitney drivers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from midnight to 3 a.m. The job will be open to the entire student body.

The Inter-Society Council (ISC) brought the proposal to SA after announcing at the beginning of the school year that it would not continue a volunteer ride-along program. The proposal asked for $1080 to pay student ride-alongs $7.50/hour. No ride-along may make more than $22.50 per night and $45 per weekend.

ISC Vice President Colby Bishop '06, who attended the funding meeting, thanked SA for its willingness to consider the proposal. "The Student Assembly was very receptive to our proposal. They understood the importance of the Jitney to the campus as well as how successful the ride-along program is. I was glad that [ISC President Pablo Vives '06] and I attended to answer questions and clear up

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President Stewart travels for Excelsior

by Christina Scotti '06
NEWS WRITER

PHOTO BY KEVIN YU '07

President Stewart hopes to spend more time on campus this semester.

Last December, President Joan Hinde Stewart kicked off a $175 million capital campaign in New York City for the College. The weekend-long event was the first step in Stewart's first major fundraising effort at Hamilton. However, the turmoil over Susan Rosenberg and Ward Churchill put a temporary damper over the campaign. The fund-raising dates that had been scheduled were revamped to manage the controversy, and Project Excelsior took a back seat.

Fast-forward to present day, and things seem to be moving smoothly once again. The events of last year, while still lingering in the minds of the still-outraged, are slowly seeping out of the collective consciousness, or so President Stewart and her administration hope. And in this new semester with its clean slate comes renewed emphasis on what had been relegated to the back burner, the Excelsior Fund.

This month, President Stewart has gone to Boston and New York to campaign fundraising events. At the typical event, a trustee introduces President Stewart, who speaks, along with a faculty member and a student. Finally, a campaign video is shown. Both the speakers and the movie tell and show experiences on Hamilton life, which,

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Morris elected as Class President

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Ryan Morris was elected Class of 2008 president Wednesday, holding off Sara Bryant, Lindsey Pearlman and Winter Burhoe to claim the seat vacated earlier this semester after Josh Cheung took a leave of absence.

"I want to thank everyone who voted for me," said Morris early Friday morning after the results were released. "I'm looking forward to the responsibility."

Morris spent the first month of the 2005-2006 academic year as a Class of 2008 Representative, a position he was elected to last spring. He said his experience this year would help him in his new role.

"I think I was well-qualified for the position. As a representative, I am in the know about everything that's going on this semester, and hopefully, students recognized that."

Morris said he looked forward to working with the Class of 2008's other 5 elected representatives: Blythe Winchester, Katie Plummer, Brian Greenleaf, Helen Lok and Katie Childs [editor's note: Katie Childs is the News Editor of *The Spectator*].

"We have a lot of social events coming up for the class, and I hope that everyone will be in attendance for the Bundy brunches we are having, Fall Fest and the thanksgiving semi-formal," he explained. "Those are just some of the things we've been working on."

"I'm looking forward to the responsibility."
— *Ryan Morris '08*

Student Assembly (SA) Elections Chair Manny Rosario '08 expressed satisfaction with how the election process turned out.

"It wasn't a popularity contest," he said. "It was a decision that the class made based on the candidates and their platforms."

COURTESY OF RYAN MORRIS '08

Ryan Morris was elected by a majority of the 267 sophomores who voted.

Morris's election brought an end to a month where the Class of 2008 functioned without a president. In accordance with the SA Constitution, Cheung, who is not enrolled at Hamilton this semester, nominated Lok to take his place as president. Winchester, Childs and Plummer objected to Cheung's nomination, arguing he had never been involved with the class. Greenleaf spoke out in favor of Lok and Cheung's right to nominate her, and Morris refrained from publicly taking a a side.

Hamilton praised for diversity of students

Incoming class draws recognition by leading African-American publication.

by Meredith Kennedy '09
NEWS WRITER

In addition to priding itself as ranked 15th in the nation according the 2006 *U.S. World News Report*, Hamilton College was recently recognized for having a diverse freshmen class by *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*, a leading African-American publication. With the number of black freshmen up 35 percent from last year, Hamilton "encourages respect for intellectual and cultural diversity because such respect promotes free and open inquiry, independent thought and mutual understanding," according to the Hamilton website.

Black freshmen make up nearly 5% of the Class of 2009. As part of the Admissions Office's goal to recruit a diverse and well-rounded student body, Hamilton offers several summer programs that give students from all backgrounds the opportunity to come to the Hill. These programs, such as The Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), were helpful factors in welcoming 23 black first-year students this fall. While the majority of the participants are students of color, "the HEOP/Scholar program is not a diversity or student of color program," said Phyllis Breland of Opportunity Programs. "Program participation is based on meeting economic and economic guidelines. The programs were designed to give students who do not meet the traditional Hamilton profile, but demonstrate the ability to successfully compete, an opportunity to do so." Hamilton students hail from 40 different states and 41 countries. But

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Excelsior fund has raised $94 million

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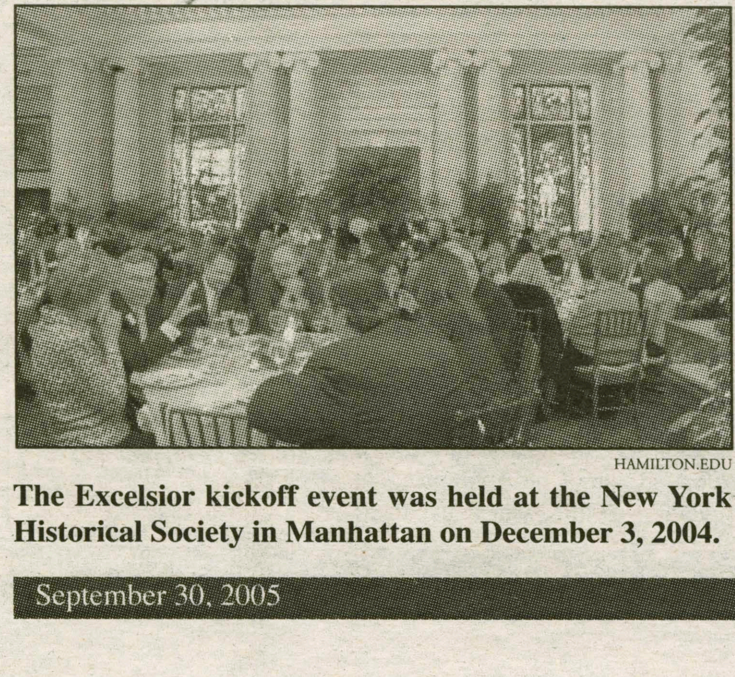
is intended to make everyone's wallets open, while, of course, creating a sense of nostalgia and pride for the College.

Despite the Rosenberg and Churchill controversies, Hamilton has been quite successful in raising Excelsior funds. The College began the campaign with $80 million secured and has added another $14 million over the last nine months, bringing the total to $94 million.

In the next several months, President Stewart, who has said that so far "it's been going really well. There is a lot of enthusiasm," will be traveling all over the country for these campaign events. In March she will internationalize Hamilton's quest for money when she goes to London to promote.

Dick Tantillo, Vice President of Communication and Development, spoke highly of the campaign. He believes it will be "transformative" and will "attract the best students and best faculty." He pleasantly explained why it will make Hamilton better, specifically the plan for a new Kirner-Johnson that will be enacted along with more arts, better athletics, and more endowment for student scholarships and faculty (the details can be found on Hamilton's website under Alumni).

There are also upcoming happenings to be announced that only make the Excelsior Fund look more attractive. The Career Center Intern Fund is one of them. Tantillo said it will give between twenty and thirty students a sizeable stipend for doing a non-profit internship over the summer, which, will help in aiding many college kids who want an internship, but need to have a paying job.



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The Excelsior kickoff event was held at the New York Historical Society in Manhattan on December 3, 2004.

Q&A

WITH PRESIDENT JOAN HINDE STEWART

by Christina Scotti '06
NEWS WRITER

The Spectator: *Looking at the schedule for the campaign, you will be in seventeen cities in the next couple of months. With all this travel, how much time would you estimate that you spend on this campaign? There is a rumor that you are cutting down on these events to spend more time on campus? Is this true?*

JHS: Between now and the end of the semester I expect to travel to about half a dozen cities for campaign-related events, and perhaps to half a dozen additional places for other professional or College-related purposes. Travel dates have been selected to minimize my time away from campus when the College is in session. Although the campaign events are important for the College, my schedule has been arranged so that I will spend considerably more time on campus this year, and I look forward very much to that.

The Spectator: *How do you feel the alumni have reacted to the fundraisers so far?*

JHS: The financial and emotional support of our alumni continue to inspire me. Those students who have a chance to interact with alumni on campus this weekend will see clear evidence of that dedication. And certainly, the growing number of student scholarships, the new and renovated facilities, and the addition of endowed professorships are further evidence of positive alumni response to the objectives outlined in the campaign.

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President Stewart (right, at the Excelsior Campaign kickoff event in New York City) plans to spend considerably more time on the Hill this semester.

The Spectator: *With all the turmoil that has happened (Rosenberg/Churchill), Mr. Tantillo mentioned that you devoted your energies to managing the controversies instead of campaigning last year. Do you think this move proved effective? Why?*

JHS: Hamilton graduates tend to remain passionately involved in their College long after they leave College Hill. With all the attention focused on Hamilton last year, alumni wanted to be assured that we were weathering the storm. Many people on campus, myself included, worked to assure them that their college was going to emerge stronger for having faced a difficult situation with conviction. I am even more persuaded of that today.

The Spectator: *And lastly, what exactly do you try to get across in your speeches at the fundraiser? Are you trying to emphasize any particular message?*

JHS: My primary message to alumni is that their College adheres to the same values and principles they remember as undergraduates, namely close student-faculty interaction, an emphasis on effective oral and written communication, and a commitment to remaining a college of opportunity for students who come from families with limited resources. I like to speak about the accomplishments of our extraordinary students and faculty. And I often refer to the story of Alexander Hamilton, our College's namesake, who exemplified many of those same ideals.

Salacuse '60 gives lecture on international negotiating

Alumnus discusses "Responsibilities of a Superpower"

by Katie Childs '08
NEWS EDITOR

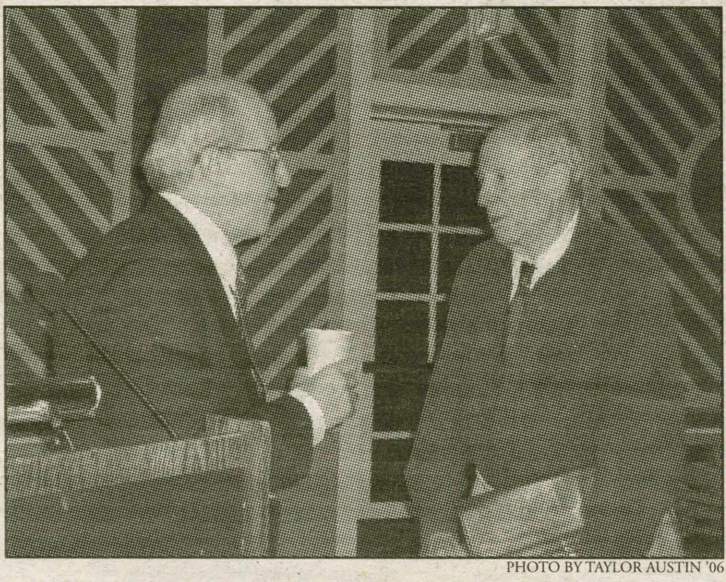

PHOTO BY TAYLOR AUSTIN '06

Salacuse (at left) serves as President of the International Arbitration Tribunal.

Professor Austin Briggs could not have anticipated the accomplishments that have accompanied the life of his former student, Jeswald Salacuse '60. "When you leave the Hill, we don't really know how you turn out," said Briggs, the Hamilton B. Tompkins Professor of English Literature, Emeritus. "I know there are a few people at Yale who are surprised at how that Bush boy turned out."

Salacuse returned to the Hill on Tuesday, September 27 for a lecture on the importance of negotiation in the arena of world politics. More than 100 people attended *The Responsibilities of a Superpower to Negotiate with Other Nations: When You Carry the Biggest Stick of All, Why Bother?*, which was the first in a series of ten lectures hosted by the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center about the "Responsibilities of a Superpower."

"The word responsibility is very common in international relations," said Salacuse. "It's a word we use to justify, criticize, and to explain."

Salacuse posed the question of who creates and enforces responsibilities. He believes that we accept responsibility for two reasons: perceived self-interest and the justified expectations of other countries.

This boils down to a basic responsibility: "the responsibility to negotiate in good faith with other nations." Negotiating in good faith requires that the U.S. engage with other countries and demonstrate a willingness to listen, understand, and seek solutions.

Negotiating can be seen as giving up, imposing your will, or problem solving. U.S. foreign policy has expressed this through isolationism, unilateralism, and multilateralism. "These are the three dominant approaches to the world that this country has struggled with," said Salacuse.

When applied to Iraq, these approaches offer "instructive lessons," according to Salacuse, about multilateral and unilateral structures.

Former President George H.W. Bush led a broad coalition and sought approval by the United Nations (U.N.) before entering into the Gulf War in 1991. President George W. Bush invaded Iraq in 2002, but without the support of a strong coalition or U.N. approval.

"The fact remains that Bush the father was successful, while Bush the son was not," said Salacuse. "Father and son viewed the nature and means of carrying out our superpower responsibilities differently. Bush the son was unwilling to negotiate with other nations the way his father did."

Salacuse praised President George H.W. Bush for his approach of "persuasion before action," but criticized the current President's efforts to form a coalition of the willing: "Bush's prevailing attitude was that unilateral action by the U.S. would lead to multilateralism."

Experience has also played a role in the wars. While the former President Bush "understood intimately how international diplomacy worked," his son had no international experience prior

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NATIONAL NEWS

Roberts Takes Oath As Chief Justice

WASHINGTON - John G. Roberts Jr., a conservative protege of the late William H. Rehnquist, succeeded him Thursday and became the nation's youngest chief justice in two centuries, winning support from more than three-fourths of the Senate after promising he would be no ideologue.

Roberts, at 50, becomes the 17th chief justice, presiding over a Supreme Court that seems as divided as the nation over abortion and other tumultuous social issues. The court opens a new term on Monday.

"The Senate has confirmed a man with an astute mind and kind heart," President Bush said just before Roberts was sworn in by acting Chief Justice John Paul Stevens. "All Americans can be confident that the 17th chief justice of the United States will be prudent in exercising judicial power, firm in defending judicial independence and above all a faithful guardian of the Constitution."

Bush is expected to make his second Supreme Court nomination within days, one that conservatives hope will move the court to the right. Replacing Rehnquist with Roberts keeps the court's current balance, but replacing the moderate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor with a conservative could tilt it rightward.

Roberts called the Senate's 78-22 bipartisan vote for him "confirmation of what is for me a bedrock principle, that judging is different from politics." All of the Senate's 55 Republicans, independent James Jeffords of Vermont and half of the 44 Democrats supported him.

WORLD NEWS

UNICEF: 1.4M Children's Deaths Preventable

UNITED NATIONS -- About 1.4 million children under age 5 die needlessly each year from measles, whooping cough and other diseases that are easily prevented by vaccines, the U.N. children's agency said in a report Thursday.

Major gains made in vaccinating the world's children during the 1980s have levelled off and donor nations must understand that progress to bring immunizations to those remaining will take renewed efforts and more cash, said Dr. Peter Salama, UNICEF's chief of immunizations.

"Everybody thought that we were progressing so well that we would just progress continually," Salama said. "But in fact that didn't happen."

About 130 million children are born each year, and since 1990, about 70 percent have gotten the immunizations considered most vital. That's up from some 20 percent under the age of 1 in 1980.

But since then, there has not been great progress in reaching the final 20 or 30 percent who need help -- mainly in poor countries -- and those are the places that need the most urgent attention, UNICEF said.

Salama said about $1 billion is now being spent on childhood immunization and about $1 billion more is needed to reach a goal set in 2002 of bringing vaccines to at least 90 percent of children under the age of 1 around the world by 2010.

Compiled by Matt Palascak '07

More than 78% of freshmen voted in Class of '09 elections

by Eric Kuhn '09
NEWS WRITER

"Freshman Election Winners!" was the title of an e-mail sent out at 11:07 p.m., Saturday, September 24, listing the victors of one of the most intense first-year elections in recent memory at Hamilton. Stuart Lombardi '09 was elected President of the class and Hillary Fixelle '09 will be the Secretary/Treasurer. The freshmen representatives are Amelia Barry, John Molfetas, Emily Smith, Allison Gaston-Enholm, and Grant Blosser; Phil DiPirro will serve as Honor Court Representative.

Manny Rosario '08, Student Assembly Elections Chair, reported that out of the four elections he has covered, this election had the highest turnout with 393 of the 505 freshman going to the ballet box.

"I remember I was at the polls and people said, 'I am not going to vote now' and went back to their room to read the platforms so they could be aware of who was running," said Rosario. He feels that the strong competition between candidates and turnout was based on the freshmen class wanting to be "really interested in helping the community and getting involved in the school."

For the position of the president, new campaign strategies were concocted. Facebook.com groups became huge, with mass emails and cut thought competition for members. "The president position was intense, because all the candidates were really interested in the position," said Rosario. "The class reps were also really into the position and so everyone advertised for the position really well. They had great flyers and great platforms."

Lombardi ran against Kevin O'Conner (took his group off line), Martin Connor, and Tom Gillespie. "I was certainly very excited when I opened the e-mail and found out that I won," Lombardi said. "I ran against three very able candidates. I am confident that each of them would have done a good job, but I really wanted the position and look forward to a productive year."

As a final word to his other candidates, this self proclaimed "politician" said, "I have all ready contacted all three of my opponents to praise them on running good races and to make it clear

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Tom Brokaw will give Great Names lecture

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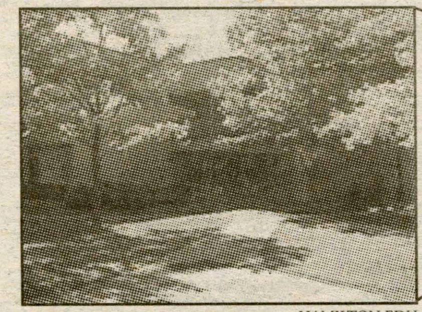
Brokaw Reports: A Question of Fairness," in which he examined affirmative action and the controversy surrounding the Supreme Court's ruling on the University of Michigan's policy.

In addition to his work as a journalist, anchor and author, Brokaw serves as a member of Howard University's John H. Johnson School of Communications's Board of Visitors, and as a member of the boards of trustees of the University of South Dakota, the Norton Science Museum and the American Museum of Natural History.

The Sacerdote Series is named in recognition of a large monetary gift from the family of Alex Sacerdote '94. Last year, former President William Jefferson Clinton lectured in the field house. Other past speakers include Bill Cosby, Rudy Giuliani, Madeleine Albright, Jimmy Carter, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Lady Margaret Thatcher, Colin Powell, Mary Matalin and James Carville, Elie Weisel and F.W. deKlerk. In 1998, jazz and blues musician B.B. King was the first and only artist to appear as part of the series.

Renovations planned for many College buildings



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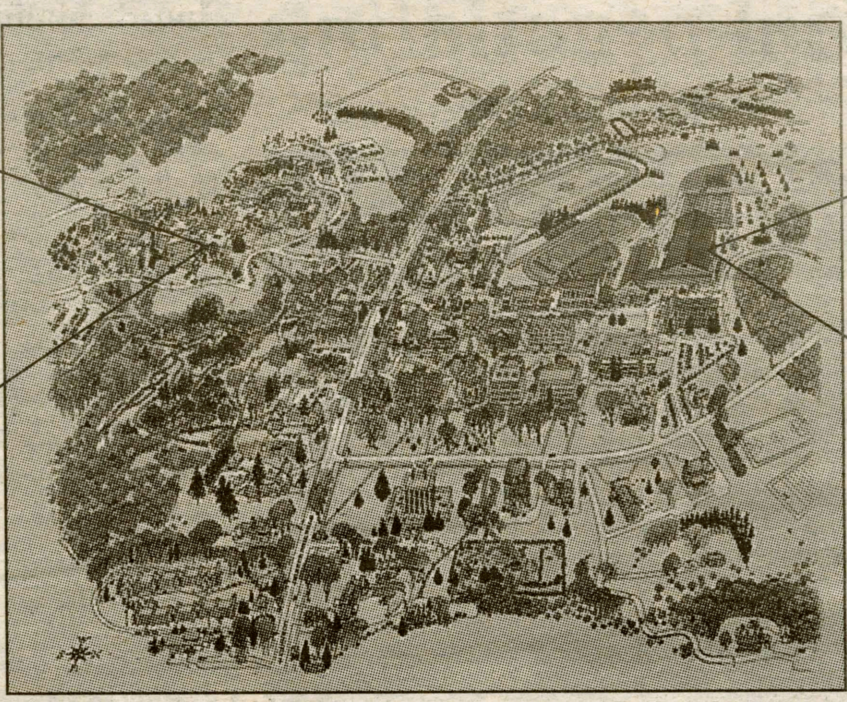
Start date: Summer '07
Cost: $32 million



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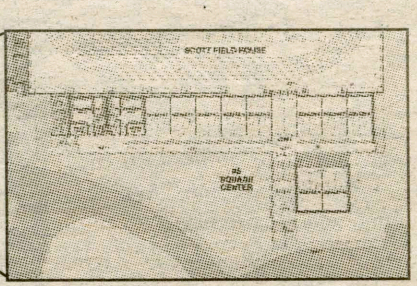


SAUNDERS/FIELD HOUSE
Start date: Fall '05
Cost: $15 million

by Alex Morgan '09
NEWS WRITER

Over the next ten years Hamilton College will experience a series of renovations intended to improve the quality of the campus for faculty and students.

The College will get money to fund these projects from gifts and debt. "Debt money comes from tax-exempt bonds the College issues with 4-5% interest," said Vice President of Administration and Finance Karen Leach.

Saunders

Saunders Hall of Chemistry will be the first of several buildings to undergo changes when construction begins next month. The current Saunders building will be turned into a new fitness and dance center.

On the ground floor of the building there will be men's and women's locker rooms, storage rooms, and the bottom of a 40 foot climbing wall which will extend up the building's three floors.

The first floor will contain a dance studio, fitness mezzanine, weight room, and a juice bar. A multipurpose room, 11 offices, and a dedicated weight room will be on the second floor.

There will also be a two-story atrium over the fitness mezzanine. When construction is finished in the fall of 2006, the overall square footage of fitness rooms available at Hamilton College will be doubled.

Field House

There are also plans to put additions on to the Field House. Ten new NCAA regulation squash courts will be added. There will be locker rooms and new offices for coaches inside the squash facility.

The old squash courts in the Field House will be converted into team rooms. The Ade Fitness Center will become a sports medicine facility. Some of the equipment from the Field House and Alumni Gym will be transferred over to Saunders. All work on athletic facilities, including the conversion of Saunders and additions to the Field House, will cost approximately $15 million.

Kirkland

The current dance studio on campus is located in the Kirkland Residence Hall loft. Four new studio apartments, two doubles and two quads, will replace the dancing area that will move to Saunders. In addition, all of the rooms and the bathrooms on the first three floors of the building will be renovated. When complete, the building will have mostly singles and doubles.

Kirner-Johnson

In the summer of 2007, construction will begin on a renovation and expansion of Kirner-Johnson to create more classrooms, group study spaces, and faculty offices large enough for small groups of students to meet with professors. The Nesbitt-Johnston Writing Center, Oral Communication Center, and Arthur-Levitt Public Affairs Center will each have their own individual spaces.

A common area, surrounded by the new classrooms, will be added in front of the building and overlook Martin's Way. Improvements and additions to Kirner-Johnson are estimated to cost $32 million.

Sigma Phi

The former Sigma Phi fraternity house, located next to Burke Library, will be converted into the admissions office. "The goal of the project is to bring prospective students and parents onto the campus so that they can experience its beauty, offer families a welcoming place to get oriented, and begin the tour of the college at the end of Martin's Way where tours can highlight the new Science Center and the library," said Leach.

"The effort to convert the Sig house, if approved by the board of trustees, will begin in June 2006 and be completed by June 2007," said Associate Vice President for Planning and Facilities Steve Bellona.

ELS/Beinecke

Planning is underway for enhancements to the student activity spaces on campus and will begin once money can be raised to fund the project. One idea under discussion is to connect the Emerson Hall (ELS) and Beinecke Student Activities Village through an addition. Most of the trees around the front and sides of these buildings will be moved. This will create an open area with tables and chairs on each side of Martin's Way.

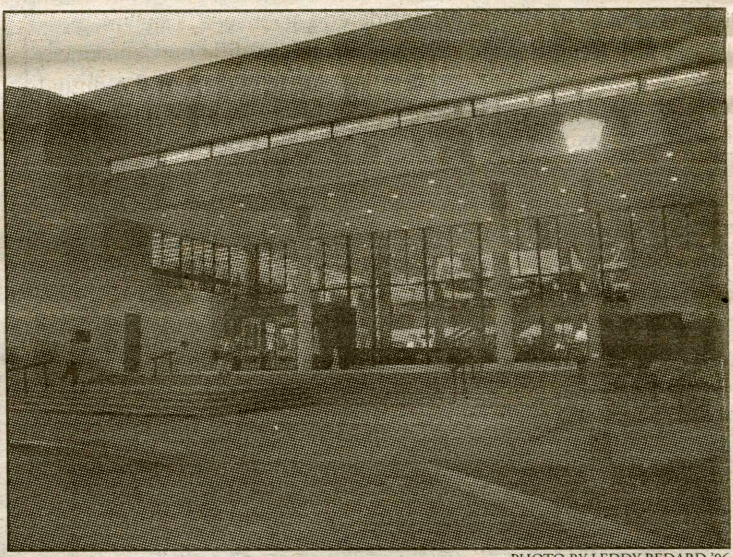


PHOTO BY LEDDY BEDARD '06

The Burke Library is one of many buildings slated for renovation in the near future.

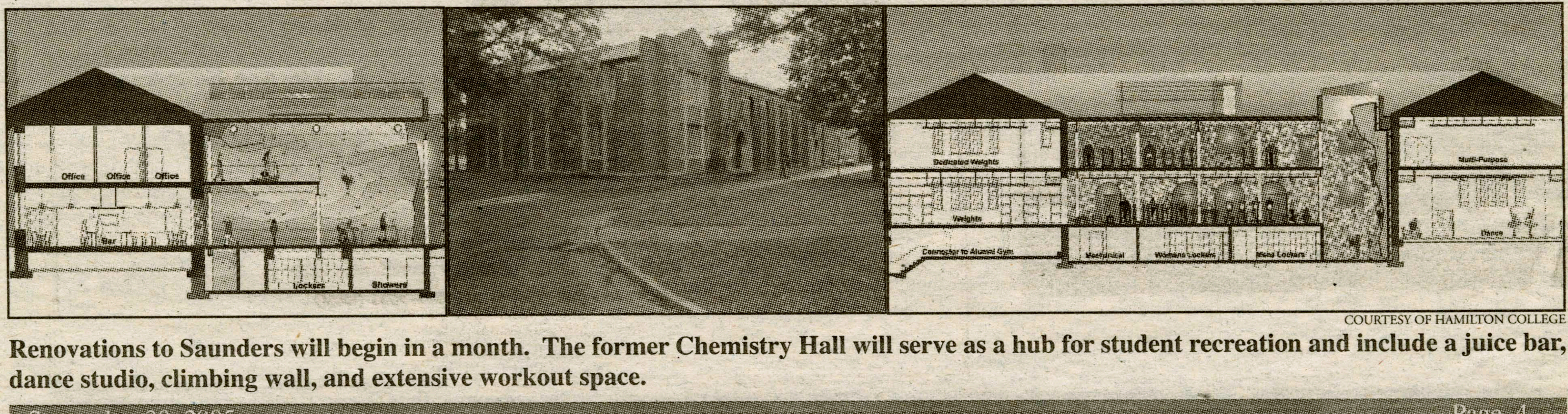
The main purpose of the project is to create a better area for students to meet and hang out. Linked together, the two buildings could contain meeting rooms, lounges, shops, a post office, a diner, and rooms for student activities.

The architects in charge of the project came to the College last May to ask students how what they felt should be included in order to make the building an excellent campus center.

"They [the architects] have come back this fall with a very exciting preliminary design that students will have the opportunity to view in detail and comment on in the next few weeks," said Dean of Students Nancy Thompson.

Burke Library

The Physical Plant has generated a program for what improvements might be needed to renovate Burke Library. With a target starting date of 2010, the plans have yet to be approved.



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Renovations to Saunders will begin in a month. The former Chemistry Hall will serve as a hub for student recreation and include a juice bar, dance studio, climbing wall, and extensive workout space.

The Spectator

Major construction of the Science Center is finished and the students and faculty alike anxiously await today's opening ceremony. After several long years, the plans have materialized and assembled into the completed, two-phase project. Although many students have labs and even some classes in the completed portion of the building, the front section will introduce more classroom space.

The new Science Center represents the academic priorities within the science program and at Hamilton. The new building highlights the continued commitment to research and education within the sciences. The new classrooms, combined with the current laboratory spaces, provide up-to-date facilities for students and faculty alike. The new facilities provide students and faculty a competitive edge in the constantly changing field of science. During the summers, the science building becomes a collaborative space for research. Faculty and students work hand in hand to design and complete experiments, often concluding in scholarly papers or conference presentations.

The Science Center has been subjected to much criticism surrounding its planning and construction. Some among the faculty and students might express their doubts regarding the completion of the project. Laboratory spaces, in addition to classrooms, are needed for science courses. These spaces must adequately accommodate all students in compliance with the College's safety standards. If the administration and department chairs seek to expand their academic programs, they need to build the proper spaces for teaching and research as was done with the science building.

A strong science program is needed at a liberal arts college to balance out the curriculum. The program encourages discussion between professors and students both inside and outside of the classroom and laboratory and reinforces the values of strong, persuasive writing. Science, seeming obtrusively esoteric, welcomes students of all classes into its diverse subjects. A wide selection of cutting-edge science courses complements a liberal arts education, especially at Hamilton. Furthermore, a new facility can only encourage more students to utilize the available space and add science courses to their liberal arts education.

All science students will benefit from the new building. Not only will the current space be used to increase science majors, but all programs, including math, should increase the majors. Although math may not be traditionally considered a science, it is an "integral" part of equation in physical and life sciences. While the department may not move from CJ, it has already benefited from the digital projector, enabling normal notes to be projected without converting them to a transparency.

The Science Building is one part of the planned expansion for the College. Plans are already made for an updated athletic center in Saunders, an expanded KJ, completion of the Beinecke/ELS village along Martin's Way, and an updated Admissions Office. The Science Center is part of the initial expansion and general campaign to upgrade the campus. The entire campus will benefit as the two academic anchors, science and humanities receive upgraded facilities.

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Lecture by Salacuse '60 is the first in the Levitt Series

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Salacuse graduated from Hamilton in 1960.

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taking office. Salacuse believes that disregard for multilateral approaches and an unwillingness to negotiate has caused "damage to our national reputation."

"International law does not require that a country has a responsibility to negotiate," said Salacuse. "But this is the least that other nations expect of us."

In response to the title of his lecture, "When You Carry the Biggest Stick of All, Why Bother?", Salacuse responded that we should negotiate with other nations because it's in our nation's best interest.

Salacuse answered numerous questions from those in attendance after the lecture. A student posed a question about negotiating with terrorists. Salacuse stated that major conflicts in Palestine and Israel went unresolved because both parties refused to negotiate; he added that this was also the case with the Protestants and Catholics in Ireland, but pointed to recent negotiations as a sign of progress. "The desire to make peace has led people to sit down and talk with hated enemies," said Salacuse. "At the end of the day, if you cannot defeat the non-state actor, you might have to sit down and talk to them."

Another student inquired about Salacuse's view on the U.N.: "It's a very convenient forum," said Salacuse. "We're certainly much better that we've had a U.N. than not." Salacuse recognized failures of the U.N., notably its reaction to the genocide in Darfur, which he characterized as "a failure of the great powers."

While Salacuse stressed the importance of the multilateral approach, he did concede during the question-and-answer period that certain situations favored a unilateral approach, such as Afghanistan. "Afghanistan was the base of Al Queda," said Salacuse. "I think the world said, 'Fine, we understand what you're doing.' You need to defend your national interest. Self defense is certainly justified."

Salacuse's lecture on the responsibilities of a superpower comes at a time when newspaper headlines routinely highlight the ongoing negotiations in North Korea, debates over international law, and the emerging power of China. "It was a very timely topic," said Ann Owen, Director of the Levitt Center and Associate Professor of Economics. Owen was happy with the turnout as well as the quality of the questions at the end of the lecture.

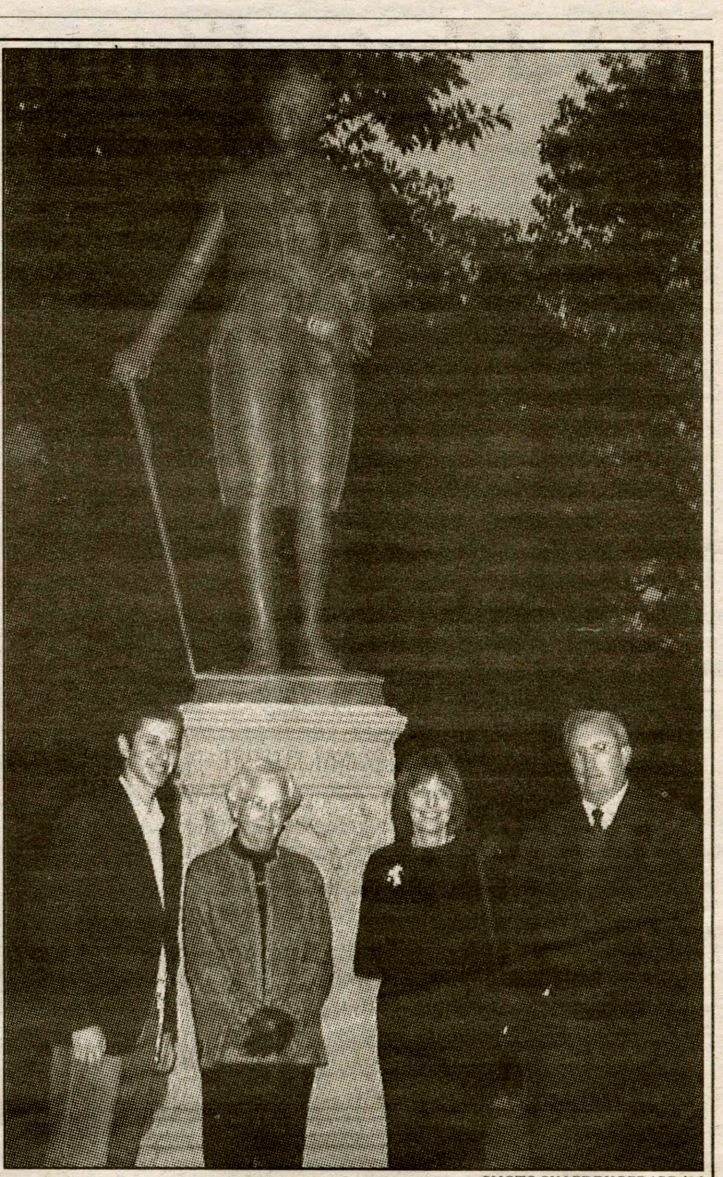
Salacuse has strong ties to Hamilton; he graduated with the Class of 1960 and his son was a member of the Class of 1989. "It's a great college and I'm grateful that I went here," said Salacuse. His interest in international relations was first realized while at Hamilton. "I went on the first junior-year abroad program in France," said Salacuse. "It opened my mind to international relations and it was a year I will never forget."

Salacuse has been incredibly busy and successful in his years since leaving the Hill. He holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a diploma from the University of Paris, in addition to his A.B. form Hamilton. Salacuse founded the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA) in 1988.

Salacuse now serves as the Henry J. Braker Professor of Commerical Law at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, the senior graduate professional school of international affairs in the U.S. He was the Dean of the Fletcher School from July 1986 to September 1994.

Salacuse is also the President of the International Arbitration Tribunal, which is working with the World Bank's Centre for Settlement and Investment Disputes to currently negotiate the full effects of Argentinean treaties.

Salacuse's lecture drew on his extensive resume, experiences, and confidence in the value of negotiation. "We must realize that our power may be super, but it's not infinite," concluded Salacuse.



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FALLCOMING 2005

The lighting of the Alexander Hamilton statue took place last night; the ceremony was attended by students, faculty, alumni, and President Stewart. This is the first of several events planned for Fallcoming to commemorate the legacy of the College's namesake, Alexander Hamilton. An exhibit of Hamilton artifacts will open on Friday afternoon in the Burke Library Browsing Room at 4:00 p.m. Hamilton's spirit will come alive with the help of an impersonator on Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. There will also be an all-campus Caribbean lunch to celebrate Alexander Hamilton's birthplace of Nevis.

Students dissatisfied with shortages at Commons

by Laura Barry '08
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton students have recently been expressing their dissatisfaction with Commons Dining Hall. Their concerns include a variety of grievances: a poor selection of food, an inadequate stock of paper cups and plastic utensils, plus a cliquey and socially pressured atmosphere.

Students mentioned the monotonous offerings and the regimentation of the food cycle that Commons seems to follow. "The food is not too bad, but I get sick of it really fast," said Elizabeth Rueckert '08. "I feel like they need to have a larger array of food."

Nearly all students know that on Monday macaroni and cheese will be served and Wednesday wings will be served. Students even plan their meals according to this cyclical structure.

Patrick Raynard, Bon Appétit's General Manager declared the structure of the dining hall cycle as "flexible." "Students eat here seven days a week," said Raynard. "It doesn't matter what we do— it gets boring, so we need to change the food selection everyday." He also stated that any student who has a problem with the food offerings can either write their grievances on a complaint card, or e-mail him or anyone on the Student Assembly food committee, and they would be more than willing to accommodate the student's needs.

The Student Assembly food committee consists of five students, as well as Raynard and Ruben Haag, the head chef. They meet once a week, every Monday, to address the grievances of the students. "If something isn't working for the students they remove it and try to find a balance," said Zoe Baldwin '06, the chair of the Student Assembly food committee. "They [Raynard and Haag] are really good at reading the complaint cards and fulfilling the student's requests."

Recently, the insufficient stock of paper cups, a necessity for any student's morning caffeine fix, has caused an outcry. "Commons runs out of paper cups all the time, which is really annoying when I have to get my food on the go," said Emily Baer '06. Sophomore Gina Egbert agreed and said that "paper cups and lids are always gone by late morning."

Raynard received many e-mail complaints this week from students concerns about the lack of paper cups and he is trying to rectify the situation. 10,000 paper cups a week are ordered for Commons, and close to 6,000 get used in a week. The remainder of cups is needed until the next shipment comes in.

Another issue is the lack of plastic tumblers. Some students are using the tumblers instead of the paper cups and do not bring them back. Bon Appétit purchases on average 5000 tumblers a year and is left with only 800 to 900 tumblers at the end of the year. To alleviate the situation, the Student Assembly food committee has suggested putting a receptacle at each dorm where students can place the cutlery and cups they have taken from the dining hall, instead of having to return it themselves to Commons or McEwen.

PHOTO BY LETTY BEDARD '06

Commons, where diners consume a total of 6,000 paper cups per week, has been experiencing shortages lately.

The majority of students applaud the McEwen Dining Hall's innovative introduction of the "Green Café." Most students agree that this year the implementation of the "Green Café" offers students a better variety and healthier dining options. "McEwen is a lot cleaner, calmer, and serves healthier options," said Liz Henry '08.

Many students express a wish that the Commons would follow suit and implement the same positive changes that McEwen underwent. In the interim, Bon Appétit is aware of the students' concerns and trying to address them.

SA debates jitney, renovations

by Kara Labs ’09
NEWS WRITER

On Monday night the Student Assembly held an unusually long meeting in Emerson Hall (ELS).

First, the assembly gave a warm welcome to their new members, representing the class of 2009: President Stuart Lombardi, Secretary/Treasurer Hillary Fixelle and Class Representatives Amelia Barry, Grant Blosser, Emily Smith, Allison Gaston-Enholm, and John Molfetas.

Dean Thompson presented the Assembly with proposed plans for renovating Beinecke and ELS. The plans would create a type of village green space in front of Beinecke.

A new building called the “Hearth Building” which would stand in between the two buildings. The idea of the “Hearth Building” is to have a façade of glass and a huge fireplace located in the center. “The idea is to bring the outdoors in,” says Thompson. “Think ski lodge.”

The renovations to Beinecke would include porches off the front with benches. The mail center would be relocated, according to this draft of plans; an addition would be made off the kitchen area of ELS to accommodate the mail center. The mail center area in Beinecke may become a small convenience store.

ELS is in for some small changes as well. Thompson believed that ELS would have offices and meeting spaces for student groups, but the 18th century style of Emerson would still be maintained.

Some of these proposals were met by some skepticism by student representatives, namely how the feel of the new building would fit with the style of the other buildings on campus. Thompson assured the students that the architects drew on community suggestions for the proposal; she emphasized that the final say in appearance would be up to the College community.

The project’s estimated cost is $12 -13 million and the money would come mainly from fundraising. If the project was initiated soon, the tentative finishing date would be fall of 2009.

President Joan Hinde Stewart was invited by the Assembly to speak about her typical day. “My days are never typical, each is different, and they are never boring,” said Stewart. She spends a lot of time traveling and speaking at different events across the country, although this year she is trying to become more visible to the students and is trying to stay on campus.

“My job as President is to make sure you, the students, get the best education possible and to make sure you are safe. Those are my two major concerns,” said Stewart. She spends much of her time on the phone with parents, alumni, townspeople, trustees, and the faculty. On a daily basis, Stewart answers letters and e-mail, and writes reports and speeches. Some of her goals this year are to increase the visibility and notoriety of the college, diversify the student body, and keep the retention rate low.

Another item on the agenda was the enthusiascot, an idea presented by Courtney McBride ’06. There are three candidates: “Al-Ham the Pig,” “Martin, the Martin’s Way Cat,” and “Wally the Snowman.” The enthusiascot would be promote school spirit at games, events, and activities. This item was tabled to be talked about at a later date.

One of the topics discussed was the late night Jitney. The Village Tavern and The Rok have agreed to donate $250 each to partially cover the costs of Jitney ride-alongs. The Inter-Society Council asked for $1080 from the Student Assembly to help fund the late night Jitney ride-along program, which they appropriated. Ride-alongs will get paid like work-study and will be considered a student activities staff member. If this goes into effect then the Jitney will run from 12-3am on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Funding in the future will depend on the success of the program.

Other items of business included Fall Fest and Commons. The fourth annual Fall Fest will be held on Sunday, October 9 from 12-4 p.m. in the Clinton Village Green. The event is being hosted by the Class of 2008. Bon Appetit confirmed to the Food Committee that absolutely no laxatives or MSG are added to the food.

Lombardi elected as freshmen President

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that I believe that each of them would have done a good job as president.”

Lombardi wants to allow the voice of the freshman class to be loud in the Assembly and with administrators. Bringing the class together through planned activities is also important to Lombardi. His big campaign promises is that he will “propose a Student Bill of Rights in the Assembly and to maintain an open dialogue with my classmates regarding the conversion of ELS and Beinecke to a student union and the points system.”

Rosario added that if the candidates are still interested in being on Student Assembly they should try again next year and not give up. “All candidates were really respectful of each other and acted fairly,” he said. “The people who had the better platform and advertised their name the best won. The people who won deserved to win. It was not a popularity contest; it was based on who had the best platform.”

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Student Assembly grants funding to ISC

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confusion. All in all, they were overwhelmingly supportive.”

SA President Michael Blasie ’07 praised the program, “This particular solution is one that creates a very good balance. This is a student problem solved by students, funded by the student government, and will involve student enforcement.”

ISC first became involved with the Jitney service at the end of last school year, when the late-night Jitney drivers went on strike after complaining of poor student behavior that made driving the vans unsafe.

Jitney Coordinator Chris Gardner ’06 said, “I’m very pleased that it looks like the Jitney will continue to be a service that is run for the student body, by the student body. I’m even more pleased that it is now a safer and much more cooperative effort than I believe it ever has been.”

Director of Student Activities and Advisor for SA and ISC Lisa Magnarelli ’96 congratulated the two groups for finding a solution. She said, “”I’m very happy that students addressed this issue and developed their own solution. Our office will do whatever we can to support this new student initiative. However, it’s important to keep in mind that while the positions will be paid… students need to *take* the positions for the Jitney to continue successful service.”

Recruitment for Jitney ride-alongs started almost immediately after approval for funding. The Jitney sent out an e-mail on Wednesday afternoon announcing the new campus job, and an informational meeting was held Wednesday night, where the schedule for ride-alongs was drawn up.

Gardner said, “We had more than enough students show up at Wednesday’s ride-along training. I am very optimistic that by next weekend, we will have enough certified and willing drivers to staff every weekend night for the rest of the semester.”

According to SA Treasurer Scott Iseman ’07, approval of the proposal was the right choice. Iseman said, “After the discussion that took place within the funding committee and among members of the Assembly, I am confident that approving the funding was the right thing to do. Although I am disappointed that these measures have to be taken to insure the safety of the students, I am pleased that students are addressing the problem themselves and creating solutions rather than having Administrators make decisions for us.”

Dean of Students Nancy Thompson agreed. “I appreciate the effort that students from ISC and Student Assembly invested in getting the Jitney up and running in a safe manner. I am very happy with this resolution.”

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> *SA Treasurer*

According to the Student Assembly’s minutes from Monday’s meeting, the owners of Don’s Rok and the Village Tavern (VT) may each donate $250 to the cause, and the VT will provide a bouncer for crowd control at the Jitney drop-off in town.

Depending on the success of the program, ISC will bring a similar proposal to SA next semester. Iseman said, “I encouraged more discussion over this proposal not only because of its importance to the students, but because of the precedent that is being established. If the Assembly approved this request, then it will be putting itself in a position to fund ride-along service for years to come.”

Blasie voiced similar concerns. He said, “There are still several questions that need to be answered. Will this program work? It worked at the end of last semester but we will still have to evaluate it. Will we get enough volunteers? Who will continue to pay for the ride alongs? While the Assembly covered the cost for the remainder of this semester, a new proposal would have to be submitted for next semester. Additionally, will this become a program perenially funded by the Assembly, much like the cable and movie channel bills, the *NY Times* in the dinning halls, Fall Fest, Spring on the Hill, etc.?”

Blasie also mentioned that SA will consider alternatives to the paid Jitney ride-alongs.

Diversity increases with Class of 2009

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according to Melissa Young ’09, the Hamilton campus is “predominantly white no matter how you look at it.” Asia Agers ’09 added that, “you don’t feel out of place because people try their best to help you fit in. Since you made it here, there is no need to feel inferior because you’re on the same level as everybody else.”

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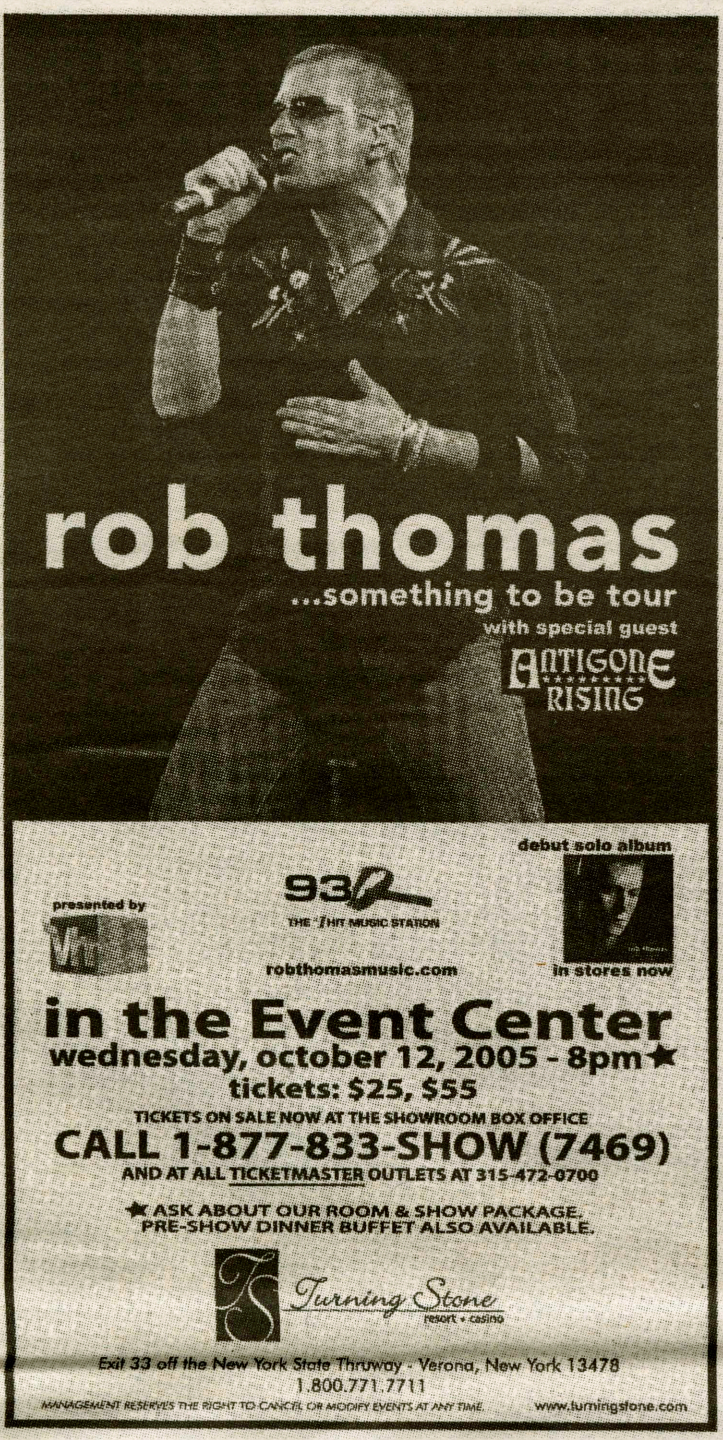
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The Supreme Court and why Bush can't win

by Christopher Boutin '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

When the Supreme Court opens its session on October 3, John Roberts will take his seat as the Chief Justice. This fact cannot be disputed. No doubt by the time this is published Roberts will have already been confirmed by the Senate. The fight over the court now shifts to the seat soon to be vacated by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Few senators had strong objections to Judge Roberts as the replacement for Chief Justice Rehnquist. Roberts and Rehnquist share judicial philosophies. Having Roberts as Rehnquist's replacement does not alter the balance of the court. The same cannot be said of Justice O'Connor's replacement.

Justice O'Connor has been a voice of moderation. She served as the swing vote in cases from abortion to affirmative action. Ms. O'Connor has been praised from both sides of the spectrum for her refusal to let her ideology dominate her decisions. She is a just, competent, and intelligent jurist. Most senators hope for a like-minded nominee to replace her. This, however, may not be possible.

Both Senate Republicans and Democrats will be looking for different traits in the next nominee. Democratic senators want another moderate, ideally very similar to Justice O'Connor. Such a choice would maintain the balance of the court and lessen the possibility of overturning *Roe v. Wade*. Any nominee in favor of overturning *Roe v. Wade* would never make it out of the Senate. Democratic senators would filibuster and the defection of enough moderate Republican senators could defeat the nominee in an up or down vote. New York Senator Charles Schumer issued this warning to the Associated Press, "Please send us a moderate, but if you send someone who is very ideological there'll be a much bigger fight than on Roberts because this is for the O'Connor seat and that's the swing vote on the court."

Senator Sam Brownback (R-Kansas) focused much of his questioning of Judge Roberts about the overturning of *Roe*. On MSNBC's Hardball with Chris Matthews, Brownback once compared Roe to *Plessy v. Ferguson*. Senator Brownback stated that Roe was similar to *Plessy v. Ferguson*, as it was an improper decision and needed to be overturned.

Where does this all lead, and how does it end? It leads back to the man in the White House, President George W. Bush. The President does not have an easy choice ahead of him. A nominee like Roberts will undoubtedly risk a filibuster and possible defeat in Senate, something a president with approval ratings as low as Mr. Bush's does not need. Or he could nominate someone like Justice O'Connor, who, while appeasing moderates and some liberals, would alienate Mr. Bush from his base. Mr. Bush's evangelical Christian and neo-conservative base would desert the president after failing to live up to his campaign promises. This would not only hurt the President for the remainder of his term, but the GOP in the long term. Karl Rove targeted the five million non-voting evangelical Christians in 2000 as key to Mr. Bush's reelection in 2004. Rove was correct; they did decide the election, but how are those same voters going to feel if Bush does nothing to overturn *Roe* when he has the opportunity?

This leaves the President in a no-win situation at a time when he is the weakest he has ever been politically.

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John Roberts was confirmed as the new Supreme Court Chief Justice on Thursday.

The Word:

Making the world a better place with your thumb

by Andrew Whalen '08
Insights & Ideas Writer

Everyone knows the world is messed up. To say that is to succinctly state the basis of all philosophy, literature, art, and music. After all, it is the opposition of forces that creates music (at least I think, I don't know anymore than what my iPod tells me). It is conflict that allows narrative to emerge.

Of course, something so complicated that I can barely explain it in two sentences is bound to have associated questions and mysteries. People wonder, why is the world messed up? Is it our fault somehow? Then, there are the proposed answers. The world is messed up because of sinners, and yes, it is our fault. The world is messed up because of videogames, and yes, it is teenagers' fault. However, none of these answers seem complete in and of themselves. Rather, each answer is a poorly fitting frame jammed onto a blurry snapshot. I have a frame of my own, and I think it fits better than yours. The reason the world is so messed up is because no one picks up hitchhikers anymore. For that matter, no one really hitchhikes anymore.

Over the summer I had the opportunity to do exactly what I claim never happens anymore. To understand why I am not a hypocrite I suppose I should contextualize the experience. A friend and myself were hiking the Appalachian Trail. At regular intervals, usually about once a week, we would cross a road, stick out our thumbs and ride into town for groceries, pools, movie-theaters, toilet paper, girls, or pizza. All of the towns were tiny and, in many cases, dependent on the busy Appalachian Trail for tourist dollars. As such, people driving by know that we are hikers, not axe spree murderers. Still, we'd sometimes wait two hours for a four-mile ride into Dunksville, South Virginia.

I am certain any legitimate hitchhiking, like say, across the country, would be proportionally more difficult. Perhaps, if false, the entire point of my article is rendered fallacious through this assumption. Or perhaps, if true, I've found the embodiment of everything that is messed up in the world.

An overabundance of fear has increasingly become de rigueur for the modern human. Perhaps this is more a symptom of a dangerous world, rather than a disease itself, however, one can hardly deny that we are more scared than we once were. Perhaps my history is a bit shaky, but were door-locks even invented by the 1950's? Today, nervous disorders outnumber cell phones, and home security, personal tasers, and karate courses are expected of every urbanite. This same fear is readily apparent in the faces of drivers encountering a hitchhiker.

The blessed few who would give us a ride often opened conversation with a nervous, "you

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Thumbs up

- The administration finally realizing 3rd party catering costs an arm and a leg. It only took you 3 years...

- Alumni Weekend doubling the damage bill and tripling the number of STDs.

- "Beyond Keystone": Probably the greatest article ever written in The Spec.

- The 50 Yard line.

- Your girlfriend getting an I-Banking job. Can you say trophy husband?

Thumbs down

- Giving out bids right after you learn a freshman's name.

- Stryker recruitment posters. If I wanted to commit social suicide I would have joined TKE.

- Egregiously fratty Nibs who love Emerald Nuts.

-Freshman girls pretending they're prude, yeah, blue balls are real cool (BP).

-Commons: I could crap on a tray and serve it to people too.

by Jesse Gaylord '06
and
Jason Thomas '06

Who cares

- People who take these jokes seriously: we all know it doesn't snow till November.

- How hot that alumna was. Too bad she's 28 and has two kids.

- Jitney ride-alongs. Now we get to harrass two people when we're 12 deep.

- Specialty condoms: if you think you need a better condom, then you probably need a better partner.

- Mr. Belding: For 40K per year, the least you could have gotten was Kelly Kapowski.

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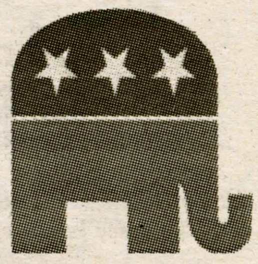
This week's topic: Welfare



by Nicholas Berry '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

Welfare has often been stigmatized in American culture because Americans are uncomfortable enacting legislation that appears to give someone "something for nothing." Given our society's traditional adherence to a market system and its fundamental belief in self-reliance, this attitude is not surprising. Yet, most of this opposition is the result of the myths surrounding the word "welfare," not genuine disapproval. If asked if they support "assistance to the poor" programs, most Americans would say "yes." Thus, welfare is not really contradictory to the American spirit; it is simply misunderstood. Most people mistakenly believe that welfare recipients are lazy frauds who leach off of tax dollars. Although there are some instances of fraud, the vast majority of welfare recipients would prefer to work because employment provides a much higher standard of living than public assistance. Furthermore, there is no evidence to support the notion that welfare promotes dependency or reduces incentives to work.

Welfare reflects the altruistic elements of our culture. It creates an atmosphere in which people care for each other, and wealth is redistributed to where it is most needed. Welfare also creates solidarity because it helps to reduce dangerous socioeconomic differences. Indeed, the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution cites providing for the "general welfare" as a responsibility of government. Therefore, the U.S. government is morally and legally obligated to continue providing welfare services.

Although welfare is fundamentally right, it is not a perfect system. Reform is needed to reduce the occasional instances of fraud and to increase welfare's efficiency. These reforms should include education and job training opportunities, as well as emphasis on seeking employment. President Clinton's "workfare" was a good start, but more extensive reforms are necessary. The New Deal's Public Works Administration would serve as a good model for these future reforms since it would improve America's infrastructure and allow welfare recipients to work at the same time.

The government is morally and constitutionally obligated to provide welfare services to the people it represents. Therefore, welfare should not be privatized. Only the government has the financial resources necessary to pay for welfare programs. Privatization would also hurt the economy. American businesses are already struggling to compete with foreign corporations. They simply could not handle the added expense welfare programs would require. In addition, who would take care of the unemployed? Private groups would have no reason to help those people outside their organizations.

Welfare is not necessarily bad for the economy. It performs a range of economic functions, including the regulation of demand and structuring the labor market. Welfare states are not necessarily at an economic disadvantage. Just look at European nations. They contain welfare systems that are much more extensive than U.S. social programs and still boast some of the strongest economies in the world. The money spent on welfare programs is simply a long term investment that will eventually produce a more productive populace. For example, many welfare recipients are single mothers. Welfare gives them the financial resources necessary to allow their children to become productive adults in the future. Another example of economically beneficial assistance to those in need is college financial aid, which allows many students (including myself) to attend college. By providing young people with a college education, welfare ensures the future prosperity of America.

The Great Depression taught us that a country is obligated to provide a safety net for its citizens. The current recession is a constant reminder of this lesson. A country can rarely guarantee that every one of its citizens will have a job, particularly during periods of economic hardship. But, a nation can and must guarantee assistance to those who need it. As stated in the Preamble, people should not be forced to suffer needlessly. As a nation, we must promote, not hinder, the humanitarian ideals of altruism and charity. If the United States fails to incorporate these universal moral concepts into its policies, then its legitimacy is lost. How can America claim to be a beacon of freedom and goodness if it ignores its most vulnerable and desperate citizens?

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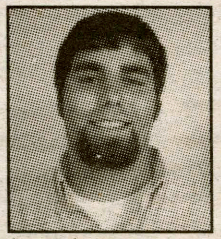
Liberals and conservatives debate over whether or not welfare programs, such as food stamps, are the responsibility of the U.S. government or if they should be privatized.



by John McRae '09
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Welfare as we know it was founded on the principles of FDR's New Deal during the Depression Era. Admittedly, President Roosevelt was dealing with an extremely difficult situation. The economy was in shambles, and the unemployment rate rose to almost 25% in the mid thirties. While the well-intentioned, although naïve president was only trying to help, his New Deal programs have lasted seventy years, and the perception of the need for big government has never diminished.

Modern welfare no longer exists to help a family get back on its feet. On the contrary, welfare has become a long term means of support and stifles personal motivation to look for work while increasing the size of the government.

The media likes to portray government welfare as a single program that provides barely enough money for basic living expenses. In reality, there are several assistance programs at all levels of government that the poor can take advantage of. The programs pay for utilities, health care, food stamps, housing, and other essentials.

In 1995, the Cato Institute, a very well-known and reputable Washington think tank, preformed a study on government welfare. Entitled The Work Versus Welfare Trade-Off: An Analysis of the Total Level of Welfare Benefits by State, the research delved deep into the problems associated with the system.

According to the report, the average welfare recipient, taking advantage of the many different programs that New York State offers, received an equivalent in pretax income of $27,300 in 1995. In other words, based on a forty hour work week, that's $13.13 an hour. The average starting salary for a kindergarten teacher in the same year was around $24,000.

While the welfare recipient didn't receive $27,300 in cash, these programs paid for their living expenses and provided some spending money. This is money that would have to come out of the teacher's check anyway, so the comparison is valid.

The same Cato report tells us that eight other states also dished out more money than the starting salary for a teacher, twenty nine states paid more than a starting secretary makes, and the most generous six states, New York included, handed out more than the entry level computer programmer collected. Again, the government claims that welfare provides just enough to get by, but the Cato report debunks that myth.

What do all of these statistics mean? Simply, government welfare is supporting people, not helping them get back on their feet. It's no surprise that the Cato article reports 68% of recipients weren't actively seeking employment.

The idea of government welfare is really the redistribution of wealth and fundamentally is a socialist concept. The state takes from the tax payers, who certainly aren't all rich, and gives the money to someone else who isn't even working. According to the study, the vast majority of the recipients weren't even trying to find a job.

The idea of helping the disadvantaged is truly a noble one. However, no one should be forced by law to give their money to someone else. Most people work extremely hard, and high taxes are a heavy burden to families that are struggling. If one is financially secure and wants to help, it should be his or her choice to do so.

The problem can be solved by allowing private charities to perform the duties that the government does today. Churches, food kitchens, and organizations like The Salvation Army and the American Red Cross could provide the same help more effectively and cost efficiently. The growth of these organizations would create new jobs and improve the economy as a whole.

People would be more inclined to donate to a charity where they can see their money working, instead of having a piece of their paycheck disappear every week. The underprivileged would still get the help they sought, while inefficiency, taxes, and abuse of the system would be greatly reduced.

Members of Hamilton community attend march in DC to protest war in Iraq

by Maurice Isserman
Professor of History

Last weekend I traveled to Washington with a score of Hamilton students to join at least 150,000 other Americans (the police estimate reported in the *Washington Post*, which may be on the low side) protesting President George W. Bush's war in Iraq. Some of the students from Hamilton's Washington program found us on the mall, and we marched together past the White House behind a banner that proudly proclaimed "Hamilton College for Peace."

This was the second time in less than three years that Hamilton students and faculty mobilized to demonstrate against the war in Iraq. The first time was in February 2003, just before the U.S. invasion. A group of us took the bus to New York City and marched down First Avenue past the United Nations building to show that not all Americans were eager supporters of the "pre-emptive war" about to be launched by President Bush in our name.

That too was a big demonstration, several hundred thousand strong. But those who marched in New York in 2003 represented a minority of American opinion. The President and his men told the nation over and over again 1)

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by Heather Comforto '07
Insights & Ideas Contributor

On Saturday, September 24th at about one-thirty in the morning, myself and twenty other Hamilton students and faculty members boarded a bus to Washington D.C. I was on my way to my first protest. On the bus I dozed off with expectations of sweaty crowds and tear gas, but when I awoke many hours later, it was a much different scenario. We stepped off the bus to discover we were surrounded by people doing the same thing we were doing, bussing in from afar, sleepy eyed, but spirited, sporting creative signs announcing various anti-war sentiments. Through the lengthy, crowded subway ride downtown, the throngs of protesters respected each others' space and exchanged smiles while the occasional commuter looked on with animated curiosity.

Once we got past the pro-war group greeting us with signs and sneers at the subway exit, we were once again surrounded; this time by hundreds of thousands of like-minded people. I was surprised

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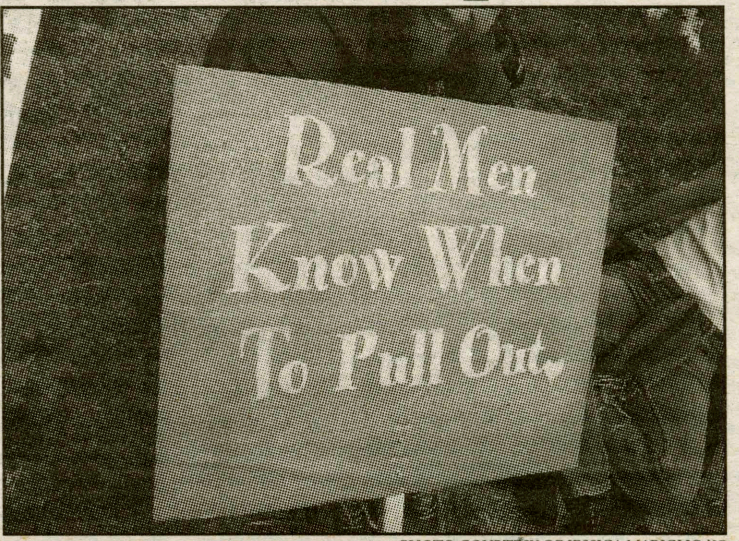

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Participators in the peace march brought a variety of signs to protest the Iraq War.

by Jessica Mariglio '07
Insights & Ideas contributor

What's the point of protesting? This simple question was asked of me a mere hour before boarding the bus to DC. And as simple as this question seems, I was at a loss of words. Why was I protesting? What was the point of it all? Did I really think I could change something by walking outside the White House gates with a sign? As an activist, I am often critical of groups whose mission is to simply "spread awareness" about a topic. The more I thought about it, however, the more I realized that I was in fact trying to spread awareness but not about the war. Everyone knows that there is increasing dissent about the war. What people don't know is that our generation is a growing part of that dissent. I am often disgusted at the manner in which our generation is portrayed in the media. Apparently, we are corporate sponsored, apathetic young adults who would rather watch MTV than protest a war-completely the antithesis of our parents' generation. As an activist, I am offended by this false portrayal. And as educated college students, I think you should take offense, too. I was going to this march to spread awareness to anyone and everyone that our generation is not to be ignored.

The march last Saturday had so many incredible moments. Standing infront of the White House, hearing 100,000 people chant in unison "Shame! Shame!" is extremely powerful regardless of your political affiliation. Yet, the most unbelievable aspect of the march for me was the sheer number of young people. Countless college students lined the streets, some wearing shirts saying things like "Smithies Against the War," some carrying signs that read "College not Combat" and "Books not Bombs," and yet others carrying banners like ours: "Hamilton College for Peace." What was even more unbelieveable was the way in which the young people were protesting. Although every march has its contingent of anarchists and semi-violent radicals, I was pleasantly surprised to find that the protest wasn't so much an anti-war rally, as it was a pro-peace march. I know the distinction may seem insignificant, but it is very important to acknowledge.

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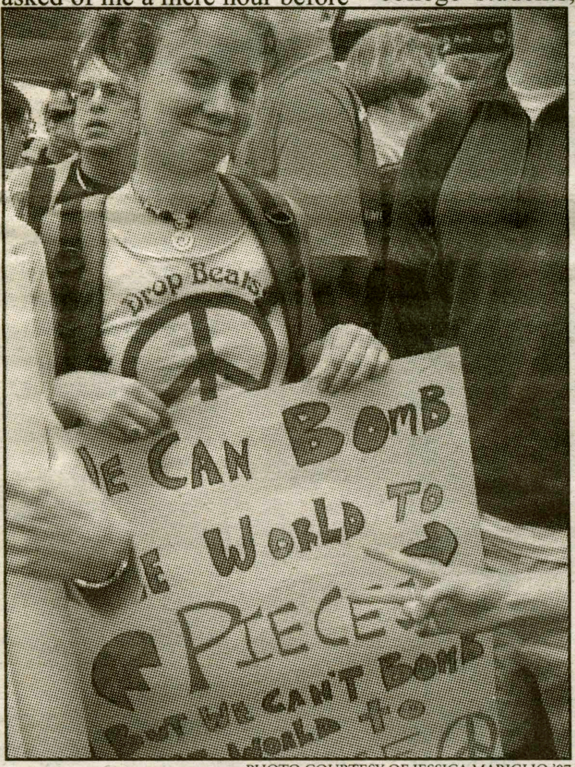

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Heather Comforto '07 was one of the Hamilton students in attendance at the peace march.

by Marco Martoccia '07
Insights & Ideas Contributor

Students talk about their desire to "make a change in the world," but the most change one can make out of an institution like Hamilton is within the ideology of "neo-liberalism," a severe threat to those great leaders who promote such ideas as that by being a human being, one not only ought to have the right to oxygen, but food, water and land. In a way, however, participation in a mass demonstration is much the same. Here is how an e-mail from a Summertime H. Mournfulness, describes it:

"It's merely an affectation, and on top of that it seems like a rather effective implement to placate the "giddy multitude of beasts in men's shapes," essentially staving off an outright revolt and thus keeping the elite men of esteem in power, like our forefathers intended. I watched Werckmeister Harmonies today; I thought it was excellent."

You know you are nearing the political epicenter of the United States when you see the highways become overwhelmingly dangerous. Tens of thousands of Americans die every year on the American highway system, and it is no wonder why. Most days in the D.C. area, around 4 p.m. or 5 p.m., all the commercial radio stations broadcast the latest traffic fatalities. The broadcasts-traffic reports-are not sensationalized as they are in small towns-with awe-but with a listener-empathetic tone of frustration and disgust that the ride to the million-dollar house in the suburbs is going to be delayed at least ten minutes: "Put a hold on that chicken, those human remains are going to take a while to clean off the expressway."

On arrival to the subway station, you know that you are in the U.S. Capitol because all the workers are black, and the only black non-Metro-workers are trying to hustle the well-off white folks. "I'm just thirty cents short in my Metro fare, can you help me out?" Well, it would be faster to just walk the distance that the extra thirty cents will get you-D.C. subways (of which one direction was mysteriously down for one-day "emergency

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by Adrienne Cook '06
Insights & Ideas Contributor

My personal involvement with the peace movement began when I was a freshman here at Hamilton. I attended a march in New York City in February of 2003 to demonstrate against the idea of war in Iraq before the war became a reality. On the eve of the war, I was in Washington, DC to attend a similar protest, to stand united in the name of peace. When the war started, I didn't stop trying to argue for peace. Life went on as it would, but I never stopped believing that this war was wrong; it was the wrong war at the wrong time in the wrong place, sold to the American nation through faulty logic and false "facts."
One of the other reasons I never supported this war was the troops. I know people in the armed forces; I know people who have been, and who still are, in Iraq. There is a tradition of military involvement in branches of my family. That our government would send its own citizens to die in this unjust war disgusted me - and it still does. To make matters worse, our government is relying not on our regular military forces, but on our national guard to do this fighting! The sign I picked up from the Syracuse Peace Council read, "Support Our Troops - End the War." I found myself on Saturday surrounded by people who felt the same way - that the ultimate way to show support for our troops is to bring them home alive. The support for both the war and for President Bush is decreasing as the war drags on and the death tolls, that of the troops and that of the civilians, rise.
After Saturday's march, I found

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One quarter of a million people attended last weekend's peace march in Washington, D.C.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

After reading Benjamin Noble's article opposing gay marriage, we are outraged by the generalizations and inaccuracies presented there. His statement that Gov. Schwarzenegger is "not only in touch with his citizens but also with all Americans" in opposing gay marriage because 68% are not in favor, certainly does not constitute "all Americans." The fact that 32% of us do believe that regardless of sexual orientation people who are in love and committed to each other should be provided the same rights as those who are heterosexual should not be overlooked; this view should be considered and respected, not dismissed as a mere minority. Further, Noble's comment that gay rights are a strictly political matter violates and negates his previous religious arguments that gay marriage represents a threat to society and the future morality of our country. He himself states that "practically all religions in this nation consider homosexuality a sin." As declared in the United States Constitution, the separation of church and state affords that religion should not be a deciding factor when regarding the rights of American citizens. His assertion that "the Judeo-Christian tradition was and still is the foundation of the United States" is wholly inaccurate, as our country does not have an official religion, and was founded specifically to eliminate the political influence of the church in the lives of its citizens. Asserting that "permitting gay marriage would further degrade religion in American society to an even lower state" has no bearing on gay marriage's place in our non-denominational country. His statements that homosexual couples are incapable of raising moral and conscientious citizens is outrageous. By his own argument that a stable family structure composed of a marriage between man and woman is essential in raising "healthy and respectable" children is offensive to the growing number of children in our nation who are raised in non-traditional households. Additionally, there are a number of orphaned children up for adoption who would welcome a loving and supportive home, regardless of the sexes of their adoptive parents. Noble's fears that homosexual marriage rights should not be legalized because it differs from movements to legalize divorce, contraception, and interracial marriages in that it does not involve a man and a woman are nonsense. As Jessica Lewis writes in her opposing article, you could make the same case that interracial marriages should not be allowed because none of the previous movements concerned the union of different races.

We sincerely hope that Noble spends more time researching and considering his arguments before writing another such article based on bigotry and ignorance. And, by the way, we are not part of the Rainbow Alliance, and believe that even those who are not gay can support and respect just causes.

Tara Rosabal '06 and Katherine Nelson '06

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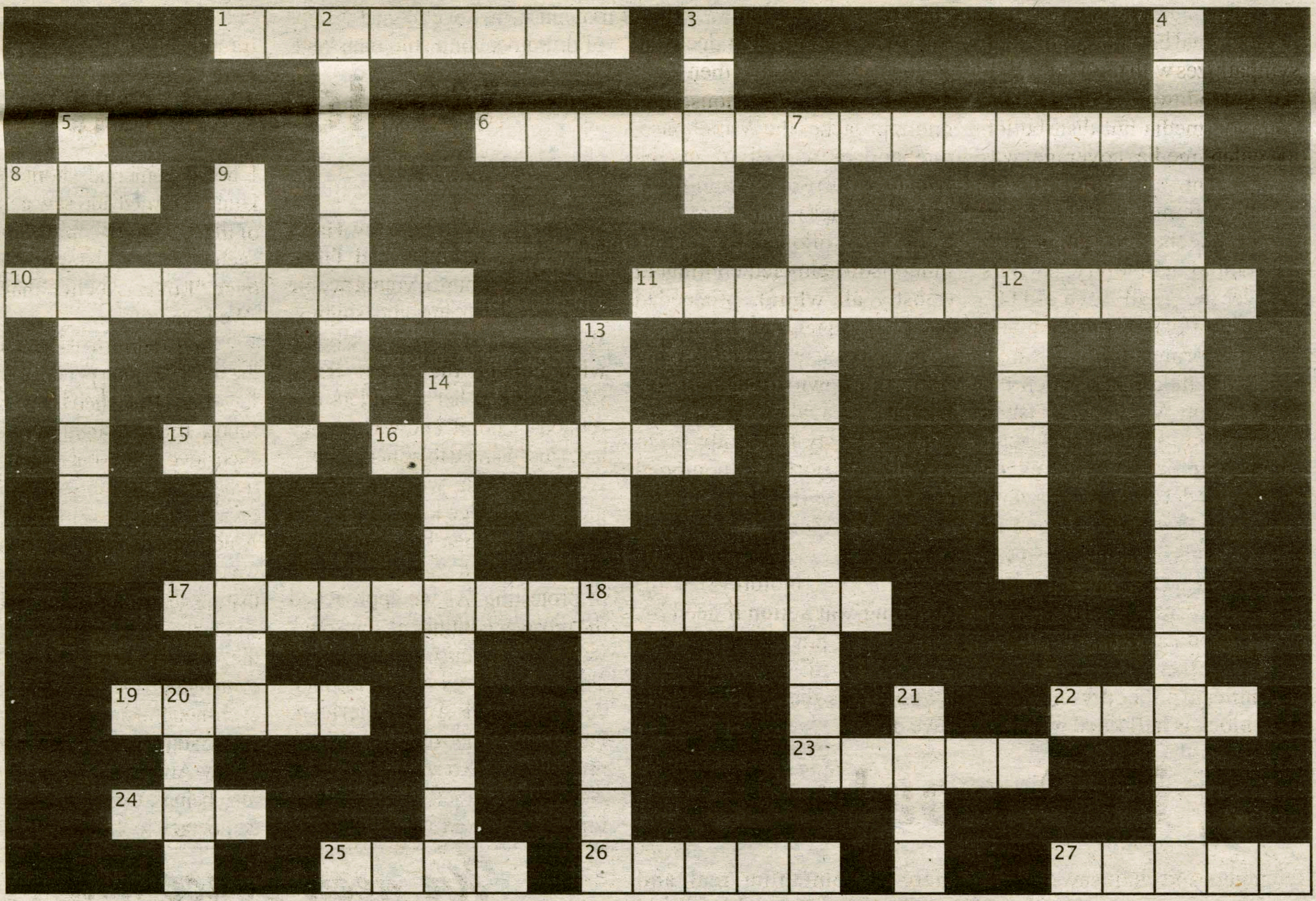

Across

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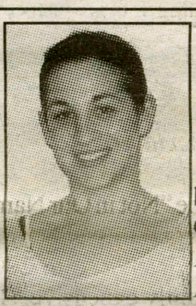
6. Where to get your Little Pub ID
8. Rhyme ___
10. Late-night jitney asset
11. Thursday night speaker
15. Site of superstition about not graduating in four years
16. Thursday's law school fair locale
17. Thursday's ceremony
19. Has "Late Night"
22. The weather, lately
23. The weather, lately
24. What some people call "soda"
25. ____ container (1 point)
26. _____science (concentration)
27. The weather, lately

Down

2. $25,000 scholarship recipient
3. 7 deadly ____ of bad writing
4. This weekend's honoree
5. Where Colgate is
7. It has opening events this weekend
9. Wednesday night pub special for $2.75
12. _________ Weekend (this weekend)
13. Saturday morning test
14. Part of NESCAC
18. Student who organized clue #1 events
20. Prize for freshman and sophomores at the Career Center
21. Something that's been missing lately in the dining halls



by Rebecca Grusky '06
Insights & Ideas Writer

Answers from last week's puzzle:

Across:

4. Burr
5. Package
8. Rianbow
9. Midterms
11. Sophos
16. Labs
19. Smoked Turkey Legs
20. Fireplace
21. Tourguides

Down:

1. Finals
2. Fulbrght
3. Mandel
6. Color Printing
7. Hall of Langvages
10. Rainbows
12. West
13. Farm Party
14. First Year
15. Appeal
17. Three
18. Stir Fry

This is what democracy looks like

*from **Isserman**, page 11*

States, and 4) how the forthcoming invasion would be a "cake walk" involving few American casualties and ending in kisses and hugs from grateful Iraqis. A compliant media echoed these assertions. Most Americans, still in a state of shock after the events of 9/11, chose to believe their President.

Today they do not. Two and half years of bloody conflict, and over nineteen hundred American dead, and no Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, and no Iraqi links to 9/11, and prisoner abuse scandals, and Cindy Sheehan, and the fact that Louisiana's National Guardsmen were off serving in Iraq rather than in New Orleans where they were desperately needed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, have all combined to bring a dramatic reversal in public sentiment on the war. According to the latest New York Times/CBS News poll on President Bush's policies, 56% of those surveyed believe the United States made a mistake in launching its invasion of Iraq, and 59% of those surveyed disapprove of Bush's handling of the war since the invasion. A CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll released in mid-September shows public disapproval of Bush's handling of the war at a staggering 67%. In that same CNN poll, 63% said the US should withdraw some or all of its troops from Iraq. The feeling that Americans should "support our troops" is as strong as ever, but the belief that support for the troops is the same thing as support for the war they have been sent to fight by President Bush has largely evaporated.

Bush was safely re-elected before public disapproval of the Iraq war reached the tipping point. He has no incentive to change those policies - indeed, for him to do so now would be to admit that he has squandered thousands of American lives as well as hundreds of billions of dollars, and most of America's prestige abroad, and all for nothing. Hopefully, our representatives in Congress, both Republicans and Democrats, will feel differently as mid-term elections approach in the coming year. Marching against the war, as we did last Saturday, is one way to insure that elected officials in Washington start to pay attention to the anti-war majority in this country, though it will take a lot more effort at the local level to educate and mobilize voters in the year to come.

Bush's supporters like to believe that a "silent majority" of Americans continue to support the war. They're certainly right about the silent part. On Sunday, September 25th, the day after the big anti-war march, there was a pro-war rally in Washington. The organizers predicted 20,000 people would show up. They got 400. According to the Associated Press report, among the signs that the tiny band of pro-war zealots carried was one that declared "Arrest the Traitors" -- and Gold Star mother Cindy Sheehan's name headed the list of those they wanted rounded up by the authorities.

Dissent against an unjust and unwinnable war is not treason -- even when it is undertaken by a minority. In a free country, minorities can sometimes become majorities - and that is exactly what has happened in the case of the anti-war cause. As the Hamilton College contingent chanted in front of the White House on 9/24, "This is what democracy looks like!"

Ready for a change

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initially by the demographic of the crowd. All the protest scenes in movies I'd seen were dominated by young twenty-somethings. I guess I had half-expected to be transported back to 1970, and I was, in a way. The same people are still protesting, except now they are 35 years older. The age of the crowd may have aided the calm, professional way in which people handled themselves. Although protesters were milling about trying to keep together large groups, small children, extensive signs or puppetry, not once did someone shove past me, nor did I experience the normal degree of claustrophobia usually experienced in large crowds where my movement is restricted.

We meandered about the pre-march rally, checking out the protesters and the speakers, encountering pink clad women, bush masks, lady liberties from Montana, tie-dyed babies, bubbles, balloons, countless peace signs of assorted material, color, and size and just about everything from radicals passing out brochures on their latest revolution to war veterans for peace. When the march began, we walked slowly, dancing when we passed groups of drummers or a solo man beating his upside down bucket. At one point, we stopped to rally with a group of energetic young people chanting "love is stronger than hate, we love you!" in front of the fancily-clad faux pro-war group "Billionaires for Bush." The march slowed up as we passed the White House. While President Bush opted to spend the weekend away, his wife may have overheard the thousands of people pointing their fingers and yelling outside her front door; although, my guess is that her windows were shut tightly that day.

The pace picked up after passing the White House as the crowd thinned out, and we finished the march flashing peace signs and smiles at the rows of police officers solemnly standing guard in a drizzle of light rain. After more people-watching, speakers, and musical performances, we loaded back on the bus to sleep our way back to Hamilton. Later, I learned that approximately 250,000 people had attended the protest, it was the largest protest since the beginning of the war, and was it accompanied by protests in San Francisco, New York, London, and Madrid. It's inspiring to learn just how many people there are out there who, like me, are ready for a change.

"Not in our name"

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the day of the "Not in Our Name" protest of W's Iraq War before it started, on October 26th 2002) are exorbitantly expensive. The poverty, disparity, and socio-economic gap in the US capital would make New Orleans look like a Marxist utopia if the rich folks didn't live in the ritzy suburban areas swindled from dairy farmers fifteen years ago. While the local blacks try to push buttons to make a couple of bucks, the local whites ride and carry around their $1500 bicycles. At the National Museum of Art's free 1999 Van Gogh exhibit, there were hundreds of black people standing in line to claim their free ticket. Inside, I didn't see a single black person-my ticket was bought off a black man for $20.

Nonviolent demonstrations are only effective so long as there is a great, sympathetic, international bourgeois mass that sympathizes with the demonstrators and follows them through the common media but distribution of video media coverage was nonexistent.

It's strange and upsetting to see how the authorities erect substantial temporary barriers all over the "mall" area of D.C. so as to effectively isolate and corralle protestors. Furthermore, the field upon which the Washington Monument stands looked like a battlefield with uneven terrain-obstacles of industrial debris, mounds, and craters-everywhere. In one of the sidewalk corralles, I saw a seventy-year old man fall when he stepped into a half-bowling ball shaped earthen pot hole.

While there didn't seem to be a significant police presence, the final block is half lined with police officers of "outfit intensities" that increase and then decrease as one approaches and then turns away from the Whitehouse. As one approaches the Whitehouse, one notices a wall of maybe twenty or thirty regular-uniform, (mostly black) police officers to the left, followed by a baby-blue-visor-helmeted contingent (mostly all white), proceeded by a contingent of fully riot-equipped officers with full-body protection down to their toes, followed by a cavalry or horsemen, who give way to twenty or so more or less normally-equipped police officers (black and white) who hold clubs in front of themselves and have nearby Honda Rebel motorcycles for lightning-war action if need be. Be afraid of this last group: one officer replied to the rally call "Who Owns the Streets?" with "We do!"

We love you!

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While marching, a few Hamilton students and I had fallen alongside a group of young people who were dancing and singing. When I asked a young woman what college they were from, she shrugged her shoulders and replied "I don't know who they are. I just wanted to be near them." As it turns out, we were with a group of college kids who didn't know each other, but found each other through a common method of protesting. As we approached the pro-war contingent, our songs were drowned out by angry shouts. They called us Communists, cowards, and Anti-American. Faced with this opposition, our march came to a screeching halt. As I braced myself in preparation for what I feared would happen, I heard someone shout "Group Hug!" I turned and saw a number of these young people embracing each other and chanting over and over "Love is better than hate! -We love you!"

I must admit that I haven't been the most patriotic person these past few years. But when I saw our new found friends "fight" back with such love and compassion, I was overwhelmed with a sense of pride. I was proud to be using our right as Americans to show our dissent. I was proud to be showing everyone that our generation is educated, alive and active. And I was proud to let the counter-protesters know, that even though they disagree with us, even though some of them may hate us, we still love and respect them as fellow Americans and fellow human beings. Certainly, this is what democracy looks like.

Hitchhiking in Appalachia

*from **The Word**, page 9*

fellows ain't serial killers are you?" and the harsh release of tensed laughter.

Another trait that makes the world more messed up is selfishness. Drivers with pick-up trucks will drive by without a care, although they have a giant hole designed specifically for carrying hitchhikers strapped to the back of their vehicle. Each truck that passes is like a limousine driver biting his thumb at you. People would just rather not bother than help out their fellow man.

Speaking of which, God help you if you are black. Even teenagers and chainsaw-wielding, skin-mask-wearing ogres seem to have better luck than African-Americans when it comes to the great pastime of hitchhiking. Women have it even worse. They get rides very easily. One female hiker told us that hitchhiking for females is "getting raped across the country." Just remember that I said right from the beginning that the world is messed up.

Perhaps my view of hitchhiking has been too romanticized by Jack Kerouac. I'm sure Kerouac didn't have tobacco juice spit on him in a cesspool called Bryson City. However, I have to think that there is something real and swell and dependable about humanity. I have to think that hitchhiking, whether across the town or across the galaxy, can still work. After all, hitchhiking is entirely about camaraderie. It's finding a bond with a complete stranger. When I did manage to get a ride it was always a memorable experience, because people who pick up hitchhikers know that there is something there that is more than the normal human contact. Something that we don't have anymore. If hitchhiking still worked, then the world would be a little less messed up.

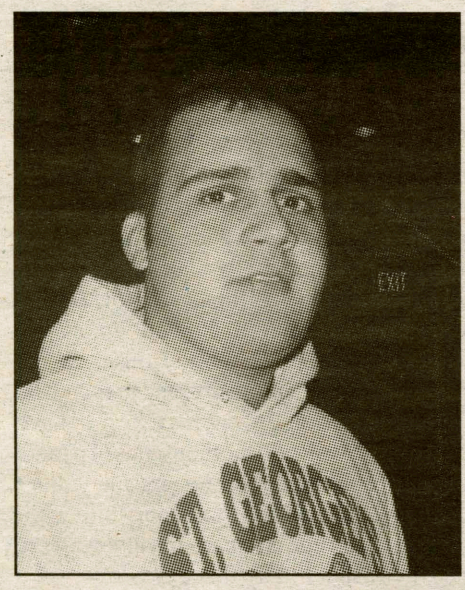
We need peace now

*from **Cook**, page 11*

myself at the "Operation Cease-fire" concert while Joan Baez was performing. In a sense, this is a cliché moment where a student attending college today hears the same musical act her mother heard at anti-war rallies in the days of the Vietnam War. What struck me about seeing Joan Baez was just how much time had passed from when my mother protested the Vietnam War until I was protesting this one. So much has changed, and yet so little has changed. My mother's generation hasn't grown too old to fight for peace, but my generation must unite behind the causes we deem crucial. For me, this war is such a cause. It's time for my generation - for you and me - to be the leaders, to take the steps toward the future we want for ourselves and, yes, for our future children. The people who are fighting in Iraq are the children and grandchildren of my mother's generation, those whose births bookend the 2nd World War. Saturday's march wasn't about one generation fighting another; the march was about the people of America getting together and saying, "STOP!" We need peace, and we need it now.

Hamilton Unscripted: Who is the sexiest man alive?

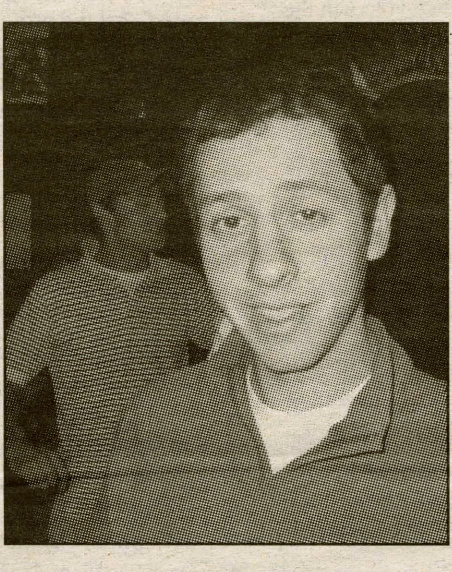
by Rebecca Grusky '06



"Oscar the Grouch... No one makes garbage look that good, you know what I'm saying?" Chris Sessa '06

"Johnny Depp... hands down." ~Barrett Wadsworth '07

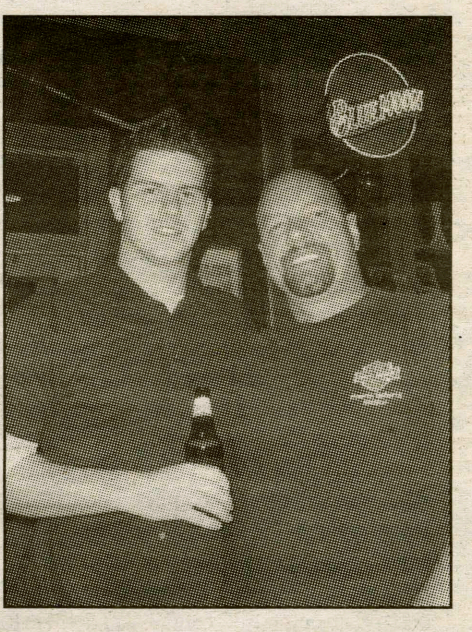
"Alex Kaufman." ~Adam Gordon '06



"Jared Diamond." ~Suzie Desormeau '06

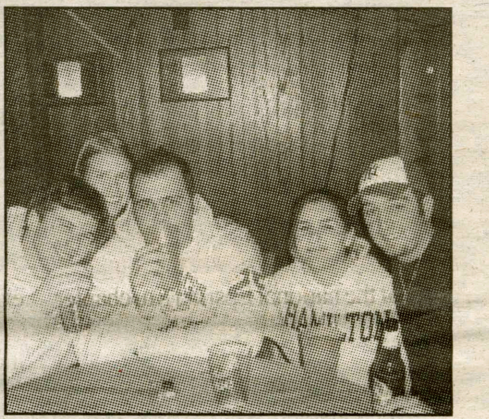
"Al Sharpton." ~Ann Horowitz '06

"Alex Richman." ~Chris Keehn '06



"The guy next to me at the bar." ~Matt Hartnett '06 (Jimi James will be playing a the pub on October 13th.)

"Justin Parker, Chris Sessa, and Chris Keehn." ~Anne Donohue-Rolfe '06 and Kate Branson '06



Advice Column: Dear Hamilton Helper

by Rebecca Griffin '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I'm having a problem getting my homework done. There are just too many distractions within the dorm, and I can't seem to concentrate. My friends are always coming in to talk, and I'm getting really behind. What can I do?

-Worried With Work

Dear Worried,

Maybe you could try to start doing your work outside of your room. The library is a great place to study if the seclusion will help you buckle down. KJ and other buildings also offer different quiet study areas. If you really want to work in your room though, you can try locking the door and writing "Danger Quarantine" on your door. Maybe then your friends will stop dropping by and distracting you.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I really think the Streaking Team shirts are amazing, and I'm really upset that there are no more left. They're the cool article of clothing to have on campus, and I feel totally left out. What can I do about this?

-Saddened by Streaking Shirt Shortage

Dear Saddened,

Don't worry, they're reordering, so soon you can own your very own.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

Elections for various class officers are taking place, but I find that I don't know any of the people that I'm supposed to be voting for. I want to be able to take part, but how can I vote if I've never met these people.

-Vexed at Voting

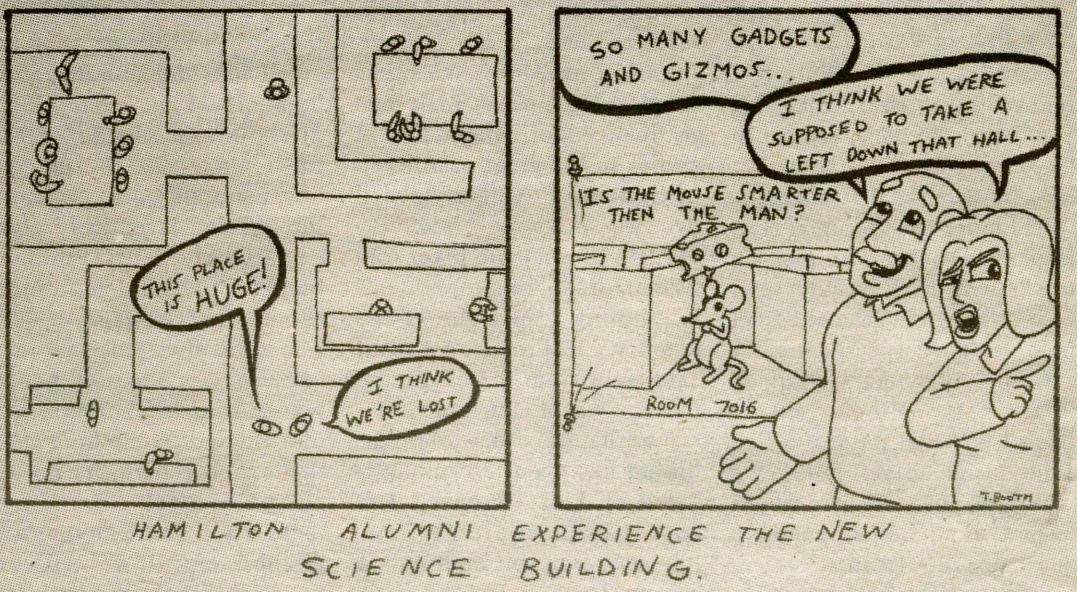
Dear Vexed,

You could always try to locate these people in order to have some idea of who they are, or just read their written statements about what they intend to bring to the school in order to find who you want to vote for. At the very least, enjoy the free candy that is being put into mailboxes and begin calling candidates by whatever particular candy you got. It'll make everything more fun.

Have a question for the Hamilton Helper?

e-mail her at rgriffin@hamilton.edu

Drawing Criticism by Tom Booth '06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Features

What do your letters mean?

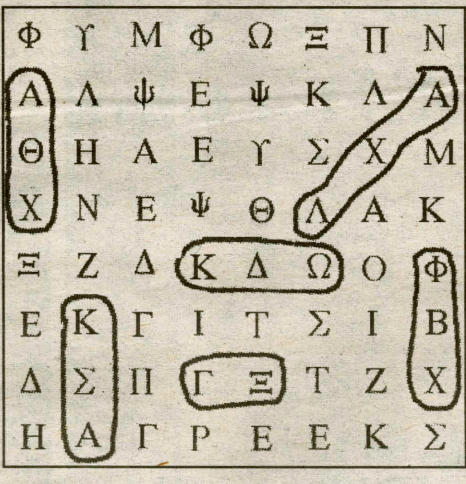
A look into the prospect of Hamilton sororities going national

by Megan Kase '09
FEATURES WRITER

The excitement of pledging, the pride in the letters, and the bond of the sisterhood are all things that Hamilton's sororities share with over 3.6 million women around the world. There is one critical difference, however, between members of Hamilton's sororities and those other women: Hamilton's sororities are not nationally recognized by the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC). Over the years, few have toyed with the notion of going national not only because of the lengthy process but significant financial commitments required to the NPC. Moreover, Hamilton's sororities have already created substantial social networks on their own. However, the possibility of becoming nationally recognized can be seen as very appetizing, prompting the real question of whether going national is a step in the right direction for Hamilton's Greek life.

From the origins of Kirkland College in 1968, Hamilton College has supported a fostering foundation for women. For many women, this was cemented in the founding of the national Epsilon Mu chapter of Psi Sigma Sigma. The presence of sororities continued to flourish when Phi Beta Chi (PBX) was founded in 1986. The tradition of local sororities officially began in 1989 when the Epsilon Mu chapter of Psi Sigma Sigma, the only sorority that started national, disaffiliated and evolved into Kappa Delta Omega (KDO). As the years passed, more local sororities developed. In 2003, the Impact Retreat, which included campus representatives from Greek life, administrative representatives, and a representative from Alpha Delta Phi, met with some discussion about NPC bids. Rather, according to last year's KSA president Kat McGrory '05, the discussion was mostly diverted to "strengthening Greek life" in regards towards the "totally different opinions on becoming national from the sororities."

The process of sorority colonization is in fact quite complicated and dramatically different from fraternity colonization. The NPC serves as a governing body for its 2,908 undergraduate chapters with a strict set of standards and requirements, whereas the North American Interfraternity Conference acts more as a guiding body, permitting its members to run more independently. Fraternities are also in the position to become national at any given time, depending if a national chapter expresses interest. For local sororities, the procedure involves a lot more time and cooperation, which begins once a campus invites the NPC for colonization consideration. Lisa Magnarelli '96, Director of Student Activities, explains the process, "If you open up your campus to national sororities, all of the national groups need to be invited to colonize and all of the locals need to become national at once." After the invitation, the NPC and the local sororities would work together for bids to find a mutual match with one of their 26 members, a procedure that can take up to two years. This detailed process reveals the incredible commitment local sororities place in the NPC.



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The advantages of joining the NPC are particularly helpful from career networking and finding financial support for sororities. Alpha Theta Chi (ATX) President Molly Walther '06 stated, "National affiliation provides abundant resources for alumnae and collegians in the form of scholarships, leadership positions, national philanthropy programs and networking opportunities. The extensive alumnae network of many national organizations also ensures greater financial security, specifically through the variety of grants, scholarships and need-based assistance available to all society members, "another benefit would be expanding social qualities unique to each sorority. KSA president Laura Dick '06 said, "It would provide us a much larger group of women who share the same qualities and values as we do."

Joining NPC can be seen as a risky endeavor in preserving the personality of the sorority in addition to the extra financial commitment of increased dues. PBX president Cinda Moorhead '06 stated, "national sororities also have a lot of rules and traditions that have to be followed and they are enforced strictly such as sorority meeting etiquette, sister etiquette-stuff like that. The national sororities send representatives to their national chapters to make sure every rule and regulation is being followed, and I would imagine that to be tedious." For many of the younger sororities, there is an element of pride that is considered irreplaceable. McGrory said, "There is something special about being in a local sorority. Everything you are started on the Hill. Hamilton women started the tradition."

As of now, sororities on campus on rather tied on the issue, conflicted between preserving tradition and expanding networking. Gamma Xi president Emma Timmens-Schiffman '06 stated, "I think that with the way that sororities are structured on this campus that it is unnecessary to go national. We're all relatively small societies and the added stresses of national regulations, increased dues, etc. are just not things that we should have to deal with. I don't see any real benefits to Gamma Xi or any other sorority going national." On the other hand, some see expansion as necessary. Alpha Chi Lambda president Tigesty Reda '06 said, "We feel that Alpha Chi Lambda going national isn't only essential but imperative. We are a unique sorority because we are a multicultural sorority and we uphold its values. We have sisters with all back grounds, from African Americans, to Africans, to Caucasians, to Latinas, Indians, Asian and more. The reason why we want and believe our sorority should go national is because we believe it stands for something very important and that is; regardless of race and nationality, we are all sisters in its true meaning. Alpha Chi Lambda has had and continues to have amazing women from all different backgrounds to represent it."

The possibility of becoming nationally recognized is not a major priority currently for Hamilton's sororities. Rather, the biggest concern is maintaining a sense of loyalty to the sisterhood. Whether that sisterhood will expand will create a very interesting future for Hamilton's Greek life.

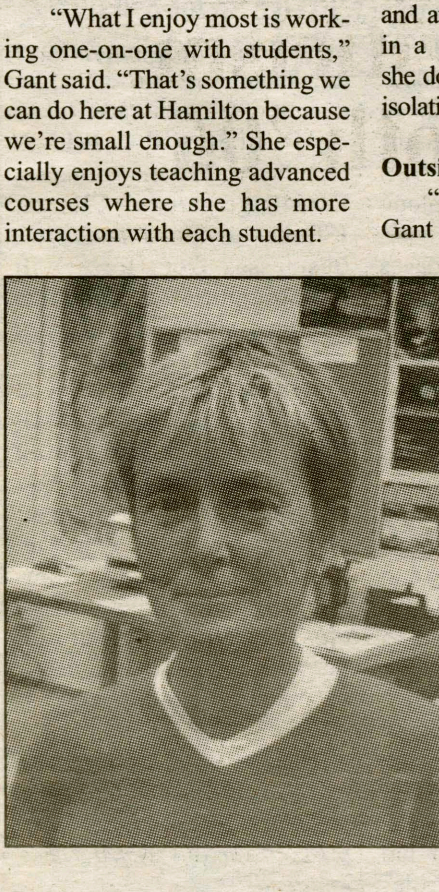
Professor Profile: Ella Gant, MFA

Associate Professor of Art

by Damon Weinberg '09
FEATURES WRITER

What she likes about Hamilton:

"What I enjoy most is working one-on-one with students," Gant said. "That's something we can do here at Hamilton because we're small enough." She especially enjoys teaching advanced courses where she has more interaction with each student.



To students, Gant says, "If you're passionate [and] have a good idea, people will help you get it done... People [here] are invested in helping you succeed." As a professor she appreciates the "flexibility and autonomy that you don't get in a [larger setting]." However, she doesn't like the "cold and the isolation" at Hamilton.

Outside the classroom:

"I'm a pop culture junkie," Gant admits. "I used to be a DJ at clubs... it paid my way through college." Gant loves films, reading books, dance performances, and contemporary theater performances. "I do all sorts of weird and crazy things," Gant said. She specializes in "performative installation work," which she describes as using "time, space, myself, tools, projections, you name it" to take a space and transform it into a work of art.

Inspiration:

Gant says that most of her artwork is made from "a circuitous, free-flowing process." "As an artist... anything I do is justifiable," said Gant. One of her works was inspired by the large number of honeybees she found in her art studio every time she came back to it. "I found that if I left them alone they left me alone," she said. However, there was the issue of all the dead honeybees all over the floor. She had to do something with them, so soon Gant had "600 honeybees collected in jars." This inspired a work of art that turned into a major installation as well as an art book.

For her 50th birthday in June, Gant is planning a work comprising 50 pieces going to 50 different people who have been important in her life. It will include sound, visual imagery, and text. However, "ask me again in June," she said, as the project could change course by then.

Ideas for future Courses:

She described an experience about a year ago when she was wandering through the new science building and saw the board game Mousetrap in a classroom. She was told it was being used to teach physics. "Why not combine the physics and art of Mousetrap and other games in a unique class?" she thought. Gant says that she is hoping to teach a sophomore seminar next year about "the art and physics of games" with physics Professor Ann Silversmith.

Courses taught by Professor Gant

- Art 113: Introduction to Photography
- Art 213: Introduction to Video
- Art 302: Photography Workshop
- Art 313: Video Workshop
- Art 377: Electronic Arts Workshop (taught every other year)

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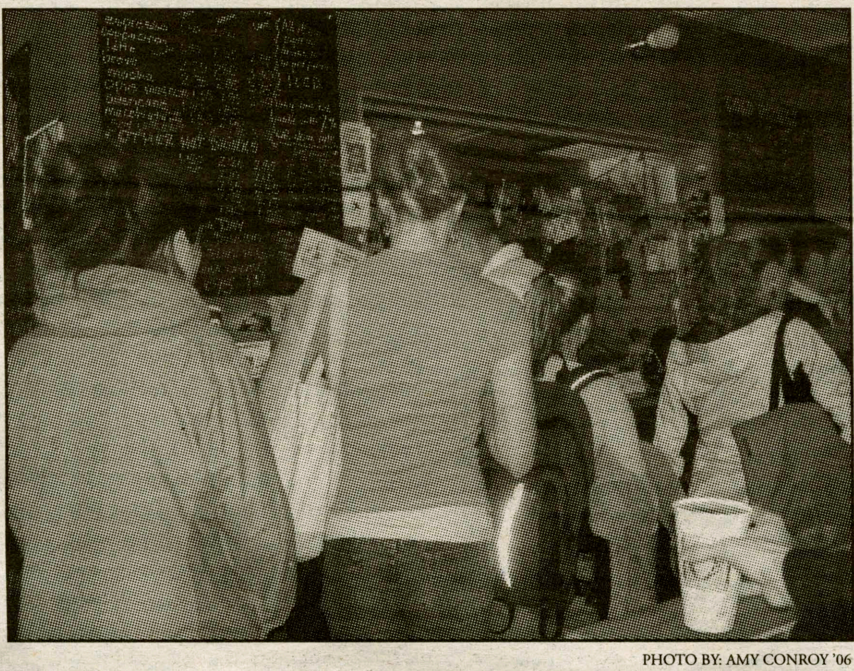
Cafe Opus is Hamilton's best kept secret

by Laura Blair '09
FEATURES WRITER

Coffee: It's what gets us going for our 9 a.m. classes, what keeps us up to write a paper at 1 am, and what brought together the creators of the Hamilton's ever popular Café Opus.

Sarah Goldstein and Larry Bender are the co-owners of Café Opus, Hamilton's signature spot that features coffee, espresso beverages, homemade baked goods, and soups and other entrees each day for lunch. Both Goldstein and Bender's spouses work at the college, so they were on campus fairly regularly and met each other at a faculty dinner. Upon talking to each other, they realized that they both had a passion for good coffee and were disappointed that there wasn't a good coffee shop in the local area. They also noticed that there was no place where students, professors and community members alike could get together as a group to hang out in a relaxed setting on Hamilton's campus. After talking to each other, they decided that the opening of a café on campus would be a good way to incorporate their love for coffee and vegetarian food with the idea of a common place for both students and faculty members.



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Cafe Opus is a popular alternative to McEwan and Commons.

The road to Opus wasn't always easy, and in total it took about three years to get it started. With the support of past President Tobin and the Dean of Students at the time, Opus finally opened and eventually, through word of mouth, became a hot-spot for members of the Hamilton College Community.

The most popular time is probably the lunch rush when Opus serves two entrees, normally one vegetarian and one vegan dish. Goldstein and Bender like to prepare healthier, less traditional cuisine that often times can't be found in the dining halls on campus. The menu is a reflection of Goldstein and Bender's backgrounds in vegetarian cuisine that they discovered living in Michigan and Oregon for their graduate studies.

"We wanted to take our backgrounds and recipes that we both knew from before, from different corners of the country, and combine them," Bender said.

In addition to their own personal favorites, the owners said that student input plays a major role in what appears on the menu.

"We also try to see what student tastes are and what they are not, and base our menu off that," Goldstein added.

"We're small and client-based, and our biggest assets are the students that work for us, because they tell us what the students like and don't like. It has become a really symbiotic relationship over the years. We often joke among our student employees that we are the administrators but they are the bosses," Bender said.

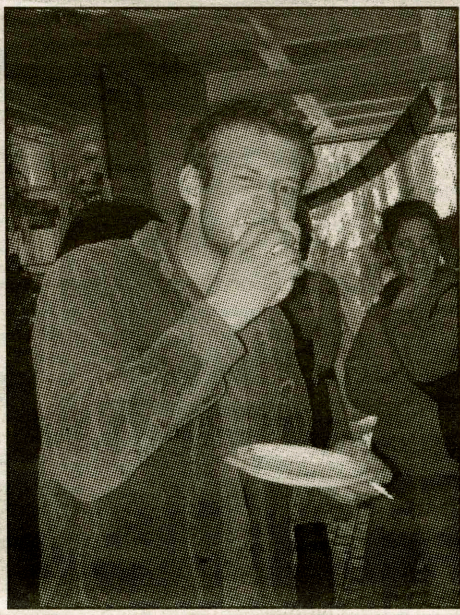
To find new ideas, Goldstein and Bender said that they eat out and that student customers often will come to them with ideas of food that they've eaten in New York City or other trendy areas. One of their main goals is to make sure their items are unique and that they won't be found in either of the main dining halls.

A lot of times, in the spring and fall, they try to use fresh, local produce to prepare their lunch items.

"We try to support local produce when available and see what we can create from what we buy," Goldstein said.

"We do what we are proud of and what students will like. We rely on word of mouth," Bender said.

Sarah Schol '06 has spent a lot of time at Opus over the past three years."The location of Opus is key. I lived in Root, Minor and Babbitt the past three years and it's always been close. I also enjoy the atmosphere of opus because it's a slightly more busy working space. I love the selection of food and drink, and my order of choice is usually an iced coffee or an Italian soda and a lemon poppy seed muffin or a chocolate chip cookie. There lunches are amazing because you can get an amazing vegetarian homemade meal for between $3-5 dollars. I always go there for meetings, or to take a quick nap on the couch, or to pass an hour in the comfort of some mellow music smelling the aroma of fresh food and coffee. I will also frequent Opus for a cappella concerts and other events they have there," she said.



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Alex Klivecka enjoys Opus lunch.

Rachel Cannon '09 also likes to hang out at Opus."It's the most caffeinated coffee on campus. Their fresh baked cookies are delectable and there are always a lot of people there so it's easy to socialize," she said.

Goldstein and Bender start their days early in the morning between 7 and 7:30. They come in to prepare for the morning coffee and then get everything ready for the lunch rush and later clean up and leave later in the afternoon around 2:30.

Lately, Bender and Goldstein have been staying later to order new items and get things ready for the Café Opus's new location in the Science Center. This new branch will open in approximately two weeks to a month, as soon as the building is up to code and officially open. This new location will offer coffee and entrees as well, while also offering "take-out" prepared food items, such as salads, beyond lunch hours for students on the go.

It remains to be seen, however, if this new Opus location will possess the same ambience and funky atmosphere as the dark side location.

"The population of the space and user input will be important. The space has real limitations and some of our potential is based on the space we have, but a lot of it has to do with the students that will come," Goldstein said.

On reflecting upon their job, Bender and Goldstein are happy with the choice that they made so many years ago to go into business here at Hamilton.

"We are proud and happy with the mixed body of students we have here, and the current administration is so supportive of us all the time," Bender said.

"We really like what we do," Goldstein added.

Where to Eat: The Cider Mill

by Sam Gitlitz '08
FEATURES WRITER

It is said that smell is the sense most associated with memory, and therefore it comes as little surprise that the smell of apple cider is closely linked with crisp fall mornings and the changing colors of the foliage. It's also said that nothing cures a hangover better than a cup of the cider mill's hot apple cider and two of their freshly made doughnuts, or at least I'm saying it now. Fall mornings usually bring two things to Clinton; the first is frost, and the second is the legions of hungry, tired, and hung over Hamilton students. Most of us pass our time in Commons, eating the same pastries, soups, and omelets that we eat almost every other day. Instead, drive, or better yet, grab a sober friend and head downtown. Clinton's cider mill is something out of the ordinary, yet something so stereotypical of the small town we live in.

The cider mill is an actual production site for apple cider, though they weren't running the machinery while I was there. When you walk in you realize how rustic this town is, carved wooden signs point out the homemade cider, doughnuts, local cheeses, and honey. The main seating for the dining area is a couple of plastic tables and chairs on the porch outside. It doesn't really matter though, as most people don't come here for the atmosphere, they come here for the food. The cliché would be to imply that the cider mill is a Mom and Pop business. Factually, I can only state that it's family run, as made clear by the three year old working behind the counter.

The Cider mill is a cornucopia of local artisan products. They have smoked cheeses, honeys, seasonal jams, and homemade pies; you can buy whatever you want to feign local knowledge and impress your freshman girlfriend's parents when they come up in two weeks. To be honest, I don't know who does all the jam making, but they aren't the focus of the cider mill. The cider is.

The cider comes in two varieties - hot and cold. Not too much of a difference, but the difference that the temperature makes to the flavor is incredible. The hot cider is tangy and only slightly sweet, while the cold cider is sweet and has a deep flavor that contrasts the sharpness of the hot cider. Nothing goes better with the hot cider than the freshly made doughnuts. The doughnuts come in plain and cinnamon sugar. Both of the doughnuts are light and fluffy, but the cinnamon sugar ones have that distinctive crunch. The best thing to do is to dip your doughnut into your hot cider, to really mix all the flavors. The result is a sweet pastry, that makes you pucker as you chew. Most importantly, while you may feel crappy when you come into the cider mill, you'll forget all about that hangover you were nursing when you leave.

For their food, service, and décor Rating: ★★★

Student Assembly Overview from September 26

from the SA Secretary, Evelyn Shapiro '06

Welcomed the newly elected officers from the Class of 2009.

Dean Nancy Thompson showed the proposed plans for ELS and Beinecke renovation, including porches along Beinecke, a glass atrium with a large fireplace, more spaces for student organizations, and a convenient store.

President Joan Hinde Stewart visited and spoke about the different aspects of her job, and some of her goals for this year, like increasing visibility for Hamilton, and increasing diversity and retention.

Courtney McBride '06 and committee presented the idea for a school "Enthusiascot" to represent Hamilton at athletic games and other campus events. The matter will be discussed more in next week's meeting.

Approved budgets for Fall Fest and the a cappella groups.

Approved budget for the ISC proposal for paid ride-alongs for late night jitney, Thursday-Saturday, 12a.m.-3a.m., for the rest of the semester.

Fall Fest will be held on October 9, 12p.m.-4p.m., on the village green in Clinton. ISC has a list of activities, businesses from town will have sample tables, and there will be T-shirts as well!

Report of the Food Committee: Bon Appetit has asked students to please return all plastic cups in the dining halls. They have already had to order 600 more this year, and they are a big expense. Also, this Saturday, Commons and the diner will be closed from 11a.m.-4:30p.m. for the Caribbean BBQ on the main quad.

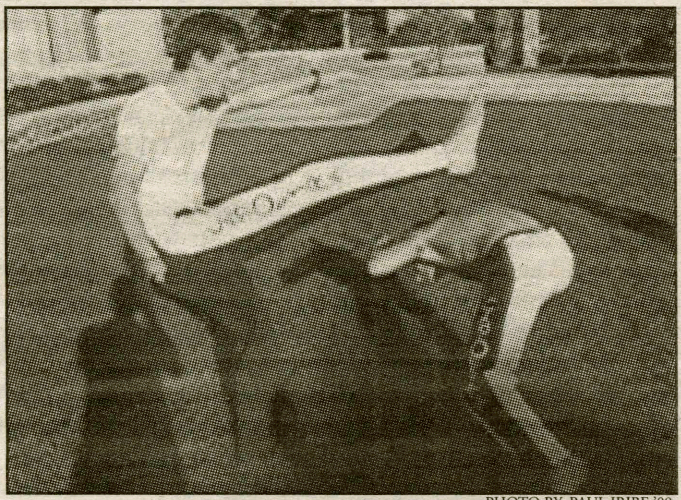
Student Assembly meetings are held every Monday at 9p.m. in ELS. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Know the facts about Capoeira

by Michelle Butler '06
FEATURES WRITER

What it is:

A Martial art disguised by its dance-like form created by West-Central African slaves in Northeastern Brazil that gained popularity, especially when used for rebellion and self-protection in the cities. Was made illegal by the government for it was used by gangs, but once taught to the military, was once again seen as a great art and no longer banned.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Practices takes place outside while its warm.

Who do they do:

Grant McSurdy '06 heads up this group, with help from Sarah Schmidt '06. Evan Adkins '07, Micheal Blasie'07, Trevi Lough '08, and Dan Campbell '08 have been involved for more than a year. There are quite a few new members from '07, '08, and '09 classes. There are about 34 members in all, with an average of 15 actually showing up to a practice at one time.

When and Where:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4:30p.m. Saturdays vary anytime between 12p.m. and 4p.m. held on the mats at the back of the Fieldhouse.

What Practice is like:

Practice mostly self-taught moves (dodging, kicks) and acrobatics, using the "Hamilton College method of playing; friendly but tricky, fast yet gentle" (McSurdy). Use percussion instruments, such as the berimbau to keep the moves going. Perform about 20 times a semester (including off-campus events and traveling over breaks).

Last spring break, 6 members went to the city of Salvador in Bahia, Brazil to play and perform with capoeria "legends" and did not just have an amazing time, but did quite well.

Why?

You can learn how to use your strength and flexibility, get in touch with your inner self, build confidence, relax, make great friendships, meet other capoeria enthusiasts at Colgate and Rochester through their budding capoeria exchange program.

Inspiriation:

"With a martial art like capoeira you don't search for an inner peace, like in many eastern martial arts, but rather look for how things are flowing and try to flow with them. Choosing your moments to resist the flow when it is easiest and makes the most sense, allowing you to navigate any situation... you can't understand capoeira unless you see it/experience it." –Grant McSurdy '06

"It was love at first Au (portuguese for cartwheel) and I've been hooked ever since... I love that unlike traditional martial arts, Capoeira is a game that's beautiful to watch, but still dangerous to play. I love that there are so many layers of Capoeira that go beyond kicking and dodging. I love the music, I love the history and culture, and I love the community that I'm now a part of, not just at Hamilton, but around the world. I love that if you let it, Capoeira can change your life."- Sarah Schmidt '06

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This martial art is both beautiful and exciting.

Beyond Keystone: Lake Placid Pub and Brewery

by Jesse Gaylord '06
and Jeff Dixon '06
FEATURES WRITERS
With guest taster:
Professor Katheryn Doran

Each fall, a hearty group of Hamilton students travels to the Adirondacks in hopes of summiting the forty-six high peaks of the region. Our goal this year was Mt. Marcy, Skylight and Gray. Somewhere between the pillared halls of Hamilton and the tree lined groves of the Adirondack Loj lies the legendary mountain Hamlet of Lake Placid. Fortunately for us, this twice Olympic village is home to one of Upstate New York's finest microbreweries. Upon arrival, we made Lake Placid Pub and Brewery our first stop.

Nestled in the shores of Mirror Lake, the Lake Placid Pub and Brewery envelops the essence of the craft brew scene. From the hardwood bar and tables, to the copper casks in the back, this place exudes an Adirondack feel; the beautiful mountain town waitresses didn't hurt either. Over burgers, we were fortunate enough to sample their fine brews for our first time. After summiting three peaks in twenty miles, we couldn't resist going back for a second time on our way home.

The first beer we brought home and tasted was the Ubu Ale. This brew is named after a legendary Lake Placid lab "with a nose for fine beers." The Ubu pours an enchanting copper-red with a weighty head. Fortunately, there are powerful yet intricate legs to support it. The rich malt aroma is indicative of the English Strong Ale style and envelops the drinker in the experience of the beer. The initial malt character is well balanced by its comparatively subtle hop finish. Consequently, this is a very drinkable beer. We wish that we could say more about the Ubu's flavor, but we feel that some of its complexity may have been lost by its cold storage, and it is best enjoyed at the brewery. The true experience and aura of this beer evades our description. There is something more here that we feel but can't convey. We urge you to indulge in Ubu and engage yourself in the mystique of its offering.

After being enchanted by the Ubu Ale, we cracked open the 46'er Pale Ale. Upon pouring it, we were first struck by the semblance in clarity and color to our home brews. Professor Doran remarked that the burnished copper hue and opacity of this brew is rare among commercially available beers. While the Ubu has a robust aroma, strong hop undercurrents boister the 46'er. On reflection of our first sip, Professor Doran summed it up best by saying this beer is flavorful yet refreshing. And this fact shouldn't be understated. This beer manages to fuse subtle malt hints with a prominent hop character. The result is a beer that is rugged enough for the peaks yet civilized enough for Lake Placid's quaint downtown. All in all, as Doran said, this beer is "evocative of the eponymous brewery." This is a beer worthy of a true 46'ers pallet and fortunately is also available to those less accomplished.

As the old saying goes, first impressions are the most significant and the Frostbite Ale holds true to form. Only recently, this once seasonal selection was made part of Lake Placid's potent lineup and we are glad it was. The vibrant amber hue that the beer exudes from the glass is striking to the eye. While still retaining a homebrew feel like the 46'er, the Frostbite's color, head and legs raise it to the top of our favorites list. Also notable are the splendid floral hints which characterize the aroma as it ascends from the glass. While initial impressions of the Frostbite are noteworthy, the first sip is what really completes its character. With a wonderfully robust flavor, the Frostbite exemplifies winter in Lake Placid; cold, active and vivacious. The Frostbite's significant hop presence reenergizes the drinker while its quick malt jab wards off the cold. The result is the quintessential winter ale which is best enjoyed after a long day on the slopes.

This tasting was a definite departure from last week's. While Saranac focuses on making simple and rugged Adirondack beers, Lake Placid Pub and Brewery takes a different approach. Not only do they explore different styles, their beers are inspired by the unique aspects of their wild surroundings. For instance, the Ubu Ale exudes the personality of the amiable black lab who wandered the streets of Lake Placid. Its strong alcohol content packs energy that could only come from an oversized lab. This personal touch is also seen in the 46'er. The color and hoppiness remind you that this beer is brewed amid the highest peaks of the Adirondacks. Those who summit all forty-six are a special breed which is well exemplified by this beer. Finally, The Frostbite envelopes you in the aura surrounding a town that has hosted the Olympics twice. Coming in from a long day on the slopes of Whiteface, known for its extreme temperatures, calls for a beer that is hearty in mouthfeel and strong in hops. The Frostbite does not disappoint. Visiting the brewery and tasting these beers truly makes us appreciate what a fine local beer can do for the heart and essence of its community.

And as always, please remember that friends don't let friends pass Stones.

Alumni Profile

by Evelyn Shapiro '06
FEATURES WRITER

Thomas James Vilsack was born on December 13, 1950 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Orphaned at birth, he was adopted by Bud and Dolly Vilsack, a real-estate agent/insurance salesman and a homemaker, respectively. After attending Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh, he attended Hamilton College, where he was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity. Vilsack graduated in 1972 and attended Albany Law School, receiving his J.D. in 1975. During this time, he also met Christine Bell, who soon became his wife. After passing the bar exam, they moved to Christine's hometown of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, with Vilsack going into practice with his father-in-law.

In 1987, Vilsack was elected mayor of Mount Pleasant, and then to the Iowa State Senate in 1992. In 1998, he successfully ran for Governor of Iowa, becoming the first Democratic governor in 30 years. As governor, he has made substantial advances in many areas. His administration has worked to increase child health insurance, creating higher-income jobs, and anti-crime laws. Vilsack has been especially focused on restricting dangerous drugs. He created a 17-county task force to eliminate methamphetamine production, and signed a bill that requires products containing pseudoephedrine to be sold behind pharmacy counters.

*see **Vilsack**, page 18*

Hamilton internet: anyone can read your e-mail

by Michael Gruen '06
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

For those of you that frequent Opus, you've probably noticed some scraggily-looking dork smirking while he's huddled over his laptop. That guy is me, and you're right. I am a Senior Fellow, I live in Opus, and, I (or anyone else with a computer, free software, and a bit of know-how) can read your e-mail, can follow your instant messages conversations, and can know who you're stalking on facebook.com.

As a Senior Fellow, I forgo classes to study wireless security on mobile devices. Specifically, I'm looking at the ways data are protected over wireless Ethernet (WiFi) connections and developing methods to improve security on mobiles.

Consider this a public service announcement:

One afternoon in Opus, I downloaded an open source, publicly available program. Within five minutes, the program detected five e-mail messages, three instant message conversations, four e-mail passwords, two facebook.com passwords, a nytimes.com login, a livejournal.com login, and a credit card transaction. These credentials were unencrypted over the wireless Internet connection and plucked out of the air without any special hardware—just my laptop's built-in wireless card.

It's not difficult. I simply set the program to listen to the information computers spit out over the airwaves—the digital equivalent of eavesdropping on two (or more) people. To see what I mean, check out Ethereal, a wireless packet sniffing tool available for free at ethereal.com.

Security measures against sniffers like Ethereal can be very effective. But, due to inconvenience and/or user ignorance, security measures are seldom employed. Thus, your data are vulnerable to anyone just listening in on your computer's wireless conversation.

So who cares about your nytimes.com password? Hackers do. Many people use the same passwords for many if not all of their accounts. (Sound like anyone you know?) By obtaining seemingly innocuous account information, hackers can access user-sensitive, heavily-encrypted websites using the same credentials. If your online bank account password is the same you use at facebook.com, I recommend you change it.

Hamilton's Webmail and MyHamilton service are unencrypted by default. Pay careful attention to the URL field in your browser: using '*https*' as opposed to '*http*' will enable SSL (a TLA—Three Letter Acronym—for Secure Socket Layer) which significantly reduces the chances of someone like me acquiring your password. SSL also secures the transferred data, making it difficult for an eavesdropper to read or decipher it. In short, if you're using the wireless connections on campus and want to check your mail, use 'https.' Everyone's e-mail I detected in Opus used plain-old http or POP3. Both of these protocols are terribly insecure.

Please note: not every website employs SSL technology. Encryption and data obfuscation generally puts extra strain on web servers, so with many websites (like nytimes.com and facebook.com) the webmasters don't even bother with it due to server costs. For these sorts of sites, I suggest choosing a throwaway password that you wouldn't mind losing. Additionally, I wouldn't use those sites for anything you wouldn't want people to find out or modify. For some sites, like livejournal.com, you can use SSL for logins. If you're concerned about the sanctity of your blog, I recommend you take advantage of encrypted logins.

Aim conversations are easy to read; try aimsniff.com. Aim conversations can be hidden as well. For details, go to aimencrypt.com.

Wireless network security issues are not unique to Hamilton. To its credit, ITS is working on this very hard problem. Unfortunately, no matter which security measures protect your data, hackers will likely be able to get around them. My research this year aims to make the work of black-hat hackers—the types wearing trench coats who do actually read your e-mail—who attack mobile systems impossible.

In a nutshell, Wireless communications make it easy for hackers to gank (acquire) your credentials. You may feel safe on campus, but how about at a Starbucks in New York City? Whenever necessary, encrypt your web traffic and e-mail with *https*. Most importantly, know that everything you send out over wireless conduits can be collected and probably decoded by hackers. If you don't use security precautions, their work is trivial and your privacy is likely compromised. If you do, their jobs are much harder and you can dissuade the casual "script-kiddie" from reading your mail and messing around with your facebook.com profile.

There's a saying among hackers—humans are the weakest link in computer security. Don't be the weak: when the security is available, use it. Even the simplest countermeasures reduce hackers' ability to steal your data. Ubiquitous wireless access virtually guarantees more wireless hackers and someday you will be their target. Don't make it easy for them.

If you'd like to learn more about productive hacking (the gray-hat kind) or my project in general, visit http://students.hamilton.edu/2006/mgruen/fellowship/. For the record, I'm not reading your e-mail or your instant messenger conversations, nor am I abusing your passwords. Know that anyone without a soul could.

Continued Vilsack

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Last year, when Senator John Kerry (D-Massachusetts) was deciding on whom his running mate would be in the 2004 Presidential Election, Vilsack's name appeared on the short list. Though Senator John Edwards ultimately obtained the position, many people believed that Vilsack would be offered a cabinet position if Kerry was victorious.

Vilsack's current gubernatorial term ends in 2007, and he has stated that he does not intend to run for re-election. This past July, he was named chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council, and there has been some speculation that he may run for President in 2008. Who knows – he could be the first Hamilton grad in the oval office!

Weekend Events: Fallcoming!

Friday

Daily Prayer (12:00-12:30)

Lunch-time Bible Study (12:00-12:50)

Lecture: "Stem Cell Therapy: The Science and the Controversy" (1:30-3:00)

New England Center for Children Information Session (2:00-4:00)

Alumni Panel: Changing Faces of Medical Education (3:00)

Alexander Hamilton Exhibit Open (4:00)

W. Tennis v. St. Lawrence HOME (4:00)

Alumni and Student Poster Session (4:30)

Science Center Dedication (5:30-6:30)

Black Student Union Fashion Show and After Party (8:00-9:30, 10:00-2:00)

Saturday

Science Alumni Service Recognition Breakfast (7:45)

Science Symposium Series on various topics (9:00-12:00)
see Science & Technology section for details

Alexander Hamilton Impersonator (10:30-11:30)

Nevis Caribbean BBQ (12:00)

Football v. Wesleyan, HOME (12:30)

Soccer v. William Smith, HOME (1:00)

Lecture by Frank Rich, *NY Times* columnist (1:30)

W. Field Hockey v. St. Lawrence, HOME (2:00)

IM Badminton (4:00-6:00)

CAB Comedy presents Paul and Storm: Professional Singing Persons (8:30-10:30)

Sunday

M. Golf, NESCAC Championships, hosted by Williams (8:00)

M. Soccer Alumni Game (12:00)

Newman Mass (1:00-2:00)

F.I.L.M. Sunday Series: David Gaynes '99 presents *Keeper of the Kohn* (2:00)

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Arts & Entertainment

My Chemical Romance: Not your typical rock stars

By Nicole Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

You've most likely heard them. If you listen to any sort of popular or alternative radio or even watch any of the music video channels, you have almost definitely heard them. And they're not okay, I promise.

My Chemical Romance (MCR) is not your typical group of rock stars. Here is a little background for all of you not already obsessed with these five boys from Bellville, New Jersey, who have made quite a name for themselves in a short span of time.

Gerard Way. Vocals. The brains and pale faced front man of MCR. After graduating from The School of Visual Art in New York City for comic book design, he dreamed of something more than a dark basement and a pitiful income.

Mikey Way. Bass. Gerard's younger brother. An asthmatic kid with poor eyesight, once Mikey found out that his brother was starting a band, he learned how to play bass so he could be a part of it. Also came up with the name "My Chemical Romance" and is apparently the "ladies man" of the group.

Ray Toro. Guitar. The main brains behind the music for the band, you can't miss Ray. He has one of the largest white-boy fros I have ever seen. Ray studied film at William Patterson University before joining MCR.

Frank Iero. Rhythm guitar. Formerly the front man of Pencey Prep, Frank is the youngest (and shortest) member of the band. Often seen playing his white guitar that has the word "Pansy" plastered across it, you would never believe that the man passionately flailing around in front of you has Epstein-Barr virus, which is basically mono that never goes away.

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Since its formation in 2001, My Chemical Romance has become very popular, headlining events like the Warped Tour.

Bob Bryar. Drums. The quiet, silent-looking one of the group, and formerly the drum tech for the band The Used (who happen to be best friends with MCR.) Bert McCracken, the lead singer of The Used and Gerard often perform together and are known as the "Toxic Twins." They also recorded a cover of the song "Under Pressure" together.) Bryar replaced the original drummer for MCR, Matt Pelissier, in 2004.

Now that you're all caught up with who the band is, let's talk about what the band has done. Formed in 2001 after the September 11th attacks, the band consisted of the Way brothers, Ray, Frank and Matt. After only being together for six months, the band was offered a record deal from Eyeball Records. Pencey Prep (Frank's former band, remember?) was also on the label and Mikey was an intern there once as well. Not wasting a moment, MCR released their first album, "I Brought You My Bullets, You Brought Me Your Love." The CD is a concept album and basically tells the story of two tragic lovers who, in the last song, "end their days [together]… in a hail of bullets." Romantic, I know.

The CD was a big hit in the underground music realms, and established a loyal fan base of goth kids, punk kids and kids who shopped at Hot Topic (especially the girls) for the band.

Two years, a new drummer, some rehab and Alcoholics Anonymous (for Gerard, whose addiction threatened to sabotage the band) later, My Chemical Romance was back with their sophomore album, "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge," which is the continuation of the story from the first album. MCR hit it big with this album. Not only do they have three huge singles off of it, ("I'm Not Okay (I Promise)," "Helena" – which is about Gerard and Mikey's grandmother who died - and their most recent one, "The Ghost of You"), but unexpected success.

Rather than being one of the smaller bands at Warped Tour this year, MCR headlined the tour and now are currently touring with their very first headlining tour. Gone are the days where they opened up for bigger, better known bands. No sir, now they have bands opening for them.

Personally, My Chemical Romance is my favorite band. I saw them perform at their home in New Jersey for Warped Tour and want to see them again on their tour (so if anyone would like to join me, give me a shout out). I am a huge fan of their music, and I must say, honestly, that I tend to favor "I Brought You My Bullets…" more when it comes to play time in my stereo. The songs are just as catchy, if not more so, and less outplayed.

With songs such as "Romance" which is a short guitar introduction with a film-noir feel; "Our Lady of Sorrows" which has an amazing bass guitar/ rhythm guitar riff in the chorus teamed with catchy, yet explicit, lyrics; "Headfirst for Halos" which has morbid, yet conflicting, lyrics ("I think I'll blow my brains against the ceiling/ and as the fragments of my skull begin to fall/ fall on your tongue like pixie dust/ Just think happy thoughts…")

Set to a peppy, happy beat; and the final song "Demolition Lovers" which is about a romantic Bonnie-and-Clyde-esque shoot out in the desert ("And I will drive on to the end with you/…/And I feel like there's nothing left to do/ but prove myself to you/…/ But this time/ I mean it/ I'll let you know just how much you mean to me…")

"I Brought You My Bullets, You Brought Me Your Love" sweeps the listener away and into the plot line of the story, but spits you out again before you're ready for it. Thankfully, "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge" fills that void and continues the story.

With the potential for additional chapters to the story, My Chemical Romance has nothing but a bright future ahead of them, and I look forward to their next release.

Tour Dates In Our (General) Area:

10/13 – E. Rutherford, NJ
10/14 – Philadelphia, PA
10/15 – Lowell, MA
10/16 – Hartford, CT
10/18 – Kingston, RI

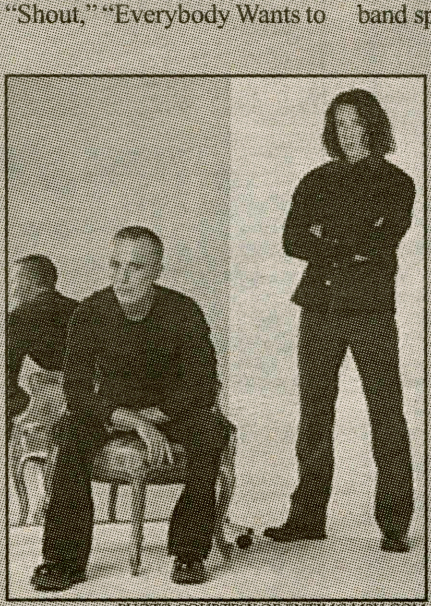
Tears for Fears re-formed in 2004

By Katherine A. Jurras '06
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Since it was founded by singer and songwriter Roland Orzabal in 1981, Tears for Fears has always been an ambitious band. Along with Curt Smith, Orzabal took the synth-pop duo to the top of his native England by the time the band's second album, "Songs from the Big Chair," was released in '85.

The band took its name from Arthur Janov's primal scream therapy, a way of dealing with childhood trauma made popular by John Lennon in the 1970s. Before Tears for Fears became popular, however, the two artists had participated in a different project. Orzabal and Smith met as children in Bath, England, bonding over difficult family experiences. At the point at which Smith was turning towards juvenile delinquency in the late 70s, the two formed their first band, called The Graduate, along with keyboardist Ian Stanley. The revival ska band was successful, but the members moved on quickly.

Tears for Fears's first album, "The Hurting," which was released in 1983, was greatly influenced by earlier ska work with The Graduate, and produced three top 5 hits. "Songs From the Big Chair" became a huge success in the United States, and it included such massively huge hits as "Shout," "Everybody Wants to Rule the World" and "Head Over Heels." The band received a lot of attention in the States, and the videos were repeatedly played on MTV.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Curt Smith (left) and Roland Orzabal make up Tears for Fears

The band hit the music scene at the end of the new wave/new romantic period in 80s rock and roll, and its heavy lyrics were well-accepted. After the first two albums, which were released in rapid succession and became very successful, the band spent a great deal of time on its third album, "The Seeds of Love," which came out in 1989. The psychedelic album was reminiscent of the Beatles, and featured vocals by Oleta Adams. The single, "Sowing the Seeds of Love" reached number 2 on the charts in the United States.

Both artists eventually moved to the United States to pursue their careers. After they released their compilation album, "Tears Roll Down: Greatest Hits 82-92," Smith and Orzabal began arguing frequently, and the band split up in 1992 when Smith left. They explained the break-up as a conflict of creative interest. Fortunately for Tears for Fears enthusiasts, after several attempted solo projects, the members reformed the band in 2000, releasing the much anticipated "Everybody Loves a Happy Ending" in 2004.

Jazz Hot / Jazz Cool: Veteran jazz artists

By Monk Rowe
The Joe Williams Director of the Jazz Archive

This Fall Coming weekend, the Hamilton College Jazz Archive hosts a quartet of veteran jazz artists. Clarinetist Kenny Davern, bassist John Beal, guitarist James Chirillo and drummer Tony DeNicola are all veteran performers who appear in major concert venues both here and abroad.

Kenny Davern is a familiar face at Hamilton, having appeared at numerous Fall Coming events since 1993. He received an honorary degree from Hamilton in May of 2000, and his latest recording on Arbors Records marks his fiftieth year of recording jazz.

The music played by the Kenny Davern Quartet is best described as small group swing and has been one of the main connecting threads in jazz since the 1930s. Their repertoire comes from "The Great American Songbook," encompassing songs that captured the imagination of multiple generations and have stood the test of time.

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Clarinetist Kenny Davern will play in Wellin Hall next Friday.

You can count on hearing classic tunes from Duke Ellington, George Gershwin and Cole Porter played in a cool style by four of the hottest jazz artists in the country.

The concert takes place in the Fillius Events Barn at 9:00 p.m. Friday, September 30th. The quartet will play two sets and admission is free. Don't miss this opportunity to hear a vital part of the history of jazz performed in a perfect acoustic setting.

The king of big band punk: 28 years and rocking

By Katherine A. Jurras '06
Arts & Entertainment Editor

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Singer/guitarist Elvis Costello has been creating music since 1977.

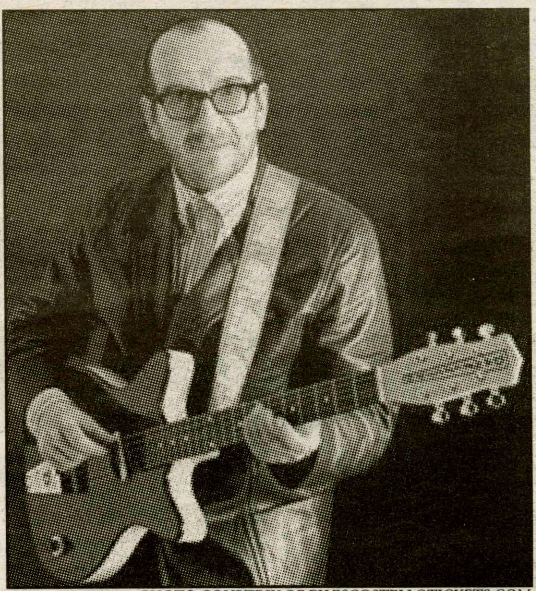
In 1976 there was no Elvis Costello. There was only Declan Patrick MacManus, computer programmer and the son of a British record department manager. MacManus used his talent for singing and his ability to form connections and got himself signed with Stiff Records.

He promptly changed his name to Elvis Costello; a combination of Elvis, the king of rock and roll, and his grandmother's name. According to elviscostello.net, he chose the name because he thought it was, "a better name than Jesus and almost as exclusive."

By 1977, the 23 year-old singer and guitar player was already producing what would be called "new wave" music. However, this category did not do justice to Costello's anti-mainstream style, which is more of a mix between punk and big band music. His song, "Watching the Detectives," layered bizarre lyrics about domestic violence over a simple but catchy reggae beat, producing his first hit single.

He called his scruffy band the Attractions, poking fun at their appearance. The band was made up of two unrelated Thomases: bassist Bruce Thomas and drummer Pete Thomas, as well as pianist Steve Nieve. The band produced songs with odd social criticism lyrics that produced a catchy, upbeat pop sound. With each album, however, Costello was able to produce a different sound, demonstrating a wide range of ability.

Quickly, Costello became more than just the guy with the huge glasses. Although he is most famous for his Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inducted band, Elvis Costello and the Attractions, he has also played with the Imposters, as well as collaborated with several noteworthy artists, including Burt Bacharach and Paul McCartney. He has even contributed musical cameos in a few movies, including the recent success, *De-Lovely*.



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He may have less hair, but the man with the big glasses is still making music.

Costello's songs have been performed by such artists as Chet Baker, Johnny Cash, Dusty Springfield, No Doubt, Solomon Burke and Roy Orbison. The variety of these artists is tribute to Costello's diverse style of music. In 2003 Costello began collaborating with his jazz pianist and singing sensation wife, Diana Krall. He has also produced music for movies such as *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me*, and the entire orchestral score for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Over his career, which has spanned over 25 years, Costello has been awarded several honors, such as two Ivor Novello songwriting awards; has been nominated for three Grammy's (winning one for his song, "I Still Have That Other Girl" done in collaboration with Burt Bacharach); and won an Oscar for his music in the film Cold Mountain. The Attractions were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2003 along with bands like the Clash, AC/DC and the Police.

Elvis Costello's expansive career has never been marred by the off-beat political commentary in his lyrics, and although he is no longer a chart-topper, the British musician is clearly one of music's all-time greats, who shows no signs of stopping.

Weekly Asian movie review: *Sex is Zero*

By Noah Wright '08
Arts & Entertainment Writer

There was an American film made a while back called *American Pie*. I assume you've heard of it, given that you, the reader, are most likely a college student.

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Korean film, *Sex is Zero*, resembles *American Pie*.

For those of you who have not stumbled across this (sarcasm) gem of a movie or its sequels, it entails the misadventures of a group of guys trying to get laid. *Sex is Zero* is something of a Korean equivalent to *American Pie* only funnier, more serious, and more disgusting.

The basic plot starts off like *American Pie*; a bunch of losers try to get laid, hilarity ensues. For about the first half of the movie the only difference between the two seems to be the cleverness with which assorted bodily fluids are used in jokes.

As the movie goes on we learn that the main character is unsuccessful in his love-life not because of unwillingness, but because the girl he is attracted to is repulsed by him and already has a boyfriend. Though she and the boyfriend don't really care much for each other, she pursues her shallow, unfulfilling relationship to the point of disaster out of her repulsion for the main character.

Sex is Zero differs from *American Pie* in that it undergoes a drastic, unexpected twist and subsequent genre-shift about halfway through, with the focus of the movie changing from "wanton sex" to "facing the consequences of wanton sex." Don't get the wrong idea, this isn't an after-school special when all is said and done the film reverts back to its original humor and lecherousness.

The big twist in the middle of the film is both the blessing and the curse of *Sex is Zero*; it saves the movie from being a crappy Korean *Porky's* rip-off.

However, at the same time, the serious part of the movie is severely cheapened and undermined by the really funny, yet absurdly disgusting, gags occupying the first half of the film.

I don't know about you, but I find it hard to ponder the social and moral ramifications of sexual recklessness after being exposed to an hour's worth of jokes featuring, among other things, the perils of sexual encounters.

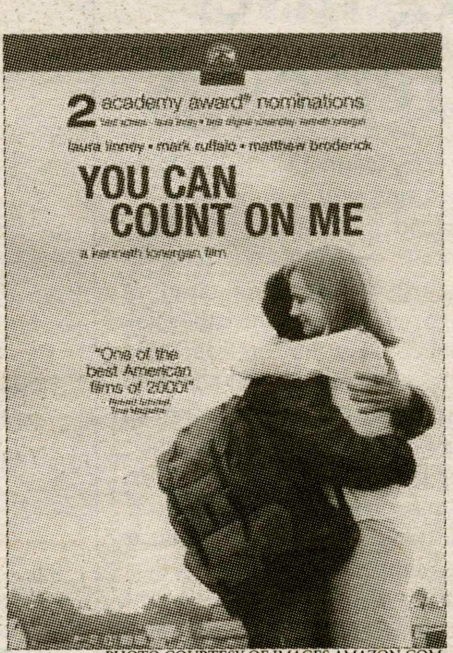
Count on *You Can Count on Me*

By Catherine West '06
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Hollywood seems to be in limbo at the moment. Currently, as we reach the end of September, the awful summer movies are slowly disappearing as we eagerly await the inevitable arrival of quality (and possible Oscar worthy) films, all of which come out in the month of October.

What is showing right now are the mediocre, not as bad as summer movies but not much better, films that are supposedly supposed to tide us over. Two of these films are the fluffy and weakly premised *Just Like Heaven* and the wannabe *Exorcist* horror flick, *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*. These two movies star Mark Ruffalo and Laura Linney, respectively, both of whom happen to be two of my all time favorite actors. Though I have yet to see either film, from the looks of their trailers, there is not much to be had (unless cheesy romantic comedies and religiously iconographical horror is your thing).

In lieu of these two movies, I would like to redirect your attention to a smaller movie that was made a few years ago, starring Ruffalo and Linney. The film is *You Can Count On Me*, and it was made in 2000 with supporting roles played by Rory Culkin and Mathew Broderick. Ruffalo and Linney play a brother and sister whose parents died in a car accident when they were younger. Fast forward thirty years and we find Ruffalo a lost, bumbish, pot smoking guy working odd jobs and traveling the country, and Linney still living in her parents' home in the small town where they grew up, raising her seven year old son (Culkin) as a single parent. Due to a bad situation, Ruffalo is forced to return to his home for an extended visit.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You can count on this film to please.

The story is slight: not much happens and there is hardly any action. But it is the slightness and subtlety that make the film. This was director Kenneth Longerian's first cinematic effort (he had previously stuck to theater) and it shows. This is not a film about characters evolving or solving any problems. This is a film about two siblings, living their broken lives facing fears and desires, managing to laugh along the way.

And there are plenty of laughs to be had: Broderick is hilarious as a neurotic, overtly serious boss who ends up having an affair with Linney's character. Equally funny are Ruffalo's interactions with Linney's son- he doesn't know how to treat him like a child so, instead, treats him like one of his own friends.

A memorable scene is when Ruffalo takes the eight year-old to the local bar and the two challenge the men in the bar to a game of pool. At the end of the day, what makes the movie worth watching is the rich human relationship between the brother and sister, both loving each other so much, but not knowing how to show it, but wanting to show it because they have no one else to show it to.

If it is idealistic romance or, equally artificial horror you are looking for, both of which seem to be these two actors' current "cups of tea," this film is not for you. If, however, you want to see Mark Ruffalo and Laura Linney in roles that are as real and genuine as it gets, see *You Can Count On Me.*

Science & Technology

"Snuppy," the first cloned dog, marks important step for stem cell, disease research

by Laura Trubiano '07
Science & Technology Editor

Researchers at Seoul National University announced that they successfully cloned a dog in August, and to date "Snuppy" (Seoul National University Puppy) is healthy and well. The research team, led by Woo Suk Hwang, cloned Snuppy from a single cell from the ear of a male Afghan hound; he was born to a surrogate mother, a yellow lab. While the news brought many questions from dog owners about when their own best friends can be cloned, the process is still inefficient and expensive—cloning Snuppy took three years and millions of dollars.

Multiple surgeries on more than 100 possible surrogate mother dogs and the creation of more than 1,000 laboratory grown embryos led to only three pregnancies—one of which ended in miscarriage, one puppy who died after three weeks, and Snuppy. Dogs present problems in cloning that are not a large presence in the cloning of other animals, such as sheep, pigs, cattle, and mice. Many animals can be thrown into estrus (readiness for pregnancy) by hormone shots. Dogs, however, can not. Hwang's team monitored hundreds of dogs every day to figure out when they came into heat. "We had to be ready to collect oocytes at any time of the day, even midnight or early morning," said Hwang in a *Time* magazine article.

Cloning pets may still be a while off. Hwang's ultimate motive is to create a research model for making stem cells that could cure diseases in people. However, a California company called Genetic Savings & Clone wants to capture the pet-cloning market and is currently working to reduce the inefficiencies. The company currently charges $32,000 to clone a cat and says it will be more for a dog.

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Snuppy, the first cloned dog, was cloned from a male Afghan hound.

Because dogs are extremely diverse (there are more than 400 breeds), and many breeds are predisposed to particular diseases, scientists hope clones will help them "decipher the molecular underpinnings of those syndromes and develop treatments for the human diseases dog ailments mimic," reported a *Washington Post* article. Along the way, perhaps some dog diseases will be cured as well. "Wouldn't it be great if the first beneficiaries of stem cell medicine were our best friends?" asked Gerald P. Schatten, a reproductive scientist who served as a consultant for the Korean team, in the *Post* article.

A Celebration of Science

Fallcoming Weekend 2005
Schedule of Science Events

Friday, September 30

10 a.m. Tour of Science Center and visit labs in progess
Self-guided tour information available at registration, Loop Rd. lobby of Science Center

1:30 p.m. "Stem Cell Therapy: The Science and the Controversy" presented by Biology Matters
Panel members include Robert F. Almeder, the McCullough Distinguished Visiting Professor of Philosophy at Hamilton and Susan Bryant, Dean, School of Biological Sciences, University of California, Irvine.
Science Center G027, Science Auditorium

3 p.m. "The Changing Faces of Medical Education" Panel
Discussants include John Driscoll '58, chairman of pediatrics, Columbia University; Robin Kinnel, Professor of Chemistry; Leslie North, coordinator for health professions advising; Gavril W. Pasternack P'08 , M.D. Ph.D, Chair of Neurology, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center; Howard Schneider, eye surgeon; David Shaye '02, medical student; and Angela Ross, orthodontist.
Science Center G027, Science Auditorium

4:30 p.m. Sigma Xi Reception and Poster Session
On the occasion of its 40th anniversary, the Sigma Xi chapter of Hamilton is sponsoring an alumni and student poster session. Posters will be presented at a 4:30 p.m. reception.
Science Center

5:30 p.m. Celebrating Science at Hamilton: Building dedication
Keynote address by House Science Committee Chairman Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y. In addition to the dedication ceremony, honorary degrees will be awarded.
Science Center Atrium

Saturday, October 1

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Science Symposium
Talks by Hamilton alumni in the sciences. All room numbers are in the Science Center.

9 a.m. Rebecca Heald '85, *"What frog eggs can teach us about cell division."* G027

9 a.m. Bernardine Dias '98, *"Breaking New Ground n Computing Technology: A Liberal Arts Perspective."* G042

9:45 a.m. Cathleen Moore '88, *"Now you see it, now you don't! Why?"* G027

9:45 a.m. Erica L. Flapan '77, *"When Topolgy Meets Chemistry."* G042

10:30 a.m. Ivan King '47, *"Through the Universe with the Hubble Space Telescope."* G027

11:30 a.m. Richard Houghton '65, *"Forests, the global carbon cycle, and climatic disruption."* G027

11:30 a.m. Pinar O. Yilmaz '76, *"Energy Outlook."* G042

12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. Departmental Alumni Luncheon Lectures *(by invitation only)*
All room numbers are in the Science Center.

Biology: Martin S. Hirsch '60, "HIV/AIDS-Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow." 2017

Chemistry: Paul Carlier '83, "Memory, Mosquitos, Malaria." 2048

Geosciences: Rick Murray '85, "The Ocean's Role in Global Warming." G042

Mathematics: Nancy Silliman '90, "Statistical Issues in Drug Development." 3040

Physics: Jim Ring '51, "Does Physics Have a Future? History of Physics at Hamilton." G041

Psychology: Thomas Bradbury '81, "The Psychology of Intimate Relationships: A Perspective on the Research Process." 3024

Born Free Eggs marketing laser etched, safer eggs

by Laura Trubiano '07
Science & Technology Editor

Born Free Eggs, a Watertown, MA based company affiliated with egg producer Radlo Foods, is going to market safer and fresher eggs—each individual egg will be laser-etched with an expiration date and numerical tracking code that can be used to trace the egg from the farm to the store. Born Free, led by chief executive of Radlo Foods David Radlo, is partly a response to an announcement by the Department of Homeland Security identifying eggs as one of the five most likely targets for agro-terrorism, and partly, according to Radlo, a response to "the growing number of consumers who are demanding that their eggs be organic or come from farms that don't cage chicken," reported a *Boston Globe* article.

The company will be the first to use laser etchings on egg shells, but it is only one part of a larger "traceability management system." Farms that produce Born Free eggs will be monitored for air and water quality and cold storage. All hens are vaccinated against Salmonella Enteriditis (SE), which will reduce the incidence of SE in the eggs from these hens, and the hens will be tested throughout their lives to further assure safe eggs. And, during the egg packing process, Born Free requires lower settings on crack checking equipment to reduce the number of cracked eggs that reach a store.

Later this fall, Born Free egg containers will be available with a tamper-proof seal, so consumers know no one has handled the eggs before they were purchased. The egg carton will be clear, so the eggs can still be inspected before being purchased.

"I think they're ahead of the curve in this area," said Washington agricultural strategy consultant Gus Schumacher of Born Free, in the *Globe* article,

*see **Eggs**, page 23*

Space exploration looks to future “frontiers”

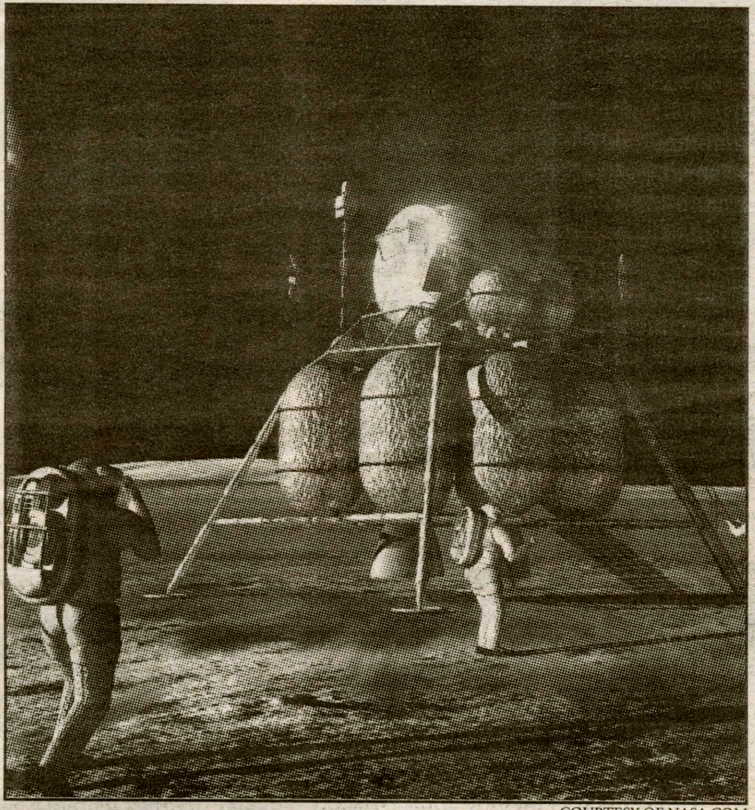
by Matthew W. Palascak ’07
Managing Editor

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has announced its plans to resume manned explorations to the moon. However, newly formed 4Frontiers Corporation has challenged NASA’s announcement with plans to build a Mars colony within 20 years. Both announcements outline logistical procedures to accomplish the elevated goals.

NASA has outlined the lunar exploration program to include the redesigned lander, part of a crew exploration vehicle. The spaceship will use two separate launches, the first sending gear and other supplies up into a low-level orbit. Then, a maximum of six crew members will be transported up to the supply ship and will dock in space. Both the lunar lander and crew will travel to the moon. For the initial missions, the crew will stay on the moon for about a week and then will redock with the supply ship and return to Earth. The crew capsule would land in the California desert at Edwards Air Force Base.

“Think of it as Apollo on steroids,” said NASA administrator Michael Griffin who described the new shuttle on CNN.com.

The new moon program starts the next era of space exploration. The present shuttle program is slated to end in 2010, and the new crew exploration vehicle is projected to be operational in 2012.



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The crew exploration vehicle, similar to the Apollo spaceship, will return to the moon in 2018.

In the interim period between the two programs, NASA expects to continue with robotic missions.

When the new program is launched, moon landings will examine more detailed sites than the Apollo missions did. The previous landings were always at the equator, but the new design will allow NASA to land anywhere on the surface. NASA already plans to explore the south pole of the moon and learn more about the ice previously discovered there.

As NASA plans to expand with manned explorations to the moon, a private company, 4Frontiers Corporation of Cambridge, Massachusetts announced plans to build a Mars colony. Primarily founded by Mark Homnick, the company hopes to work with NASA to develop and later license the technology.

The startup company has support from private investors and hopes to raise $25 million before building the first phase of the project. Initially, the company will construct a 25,000 square foot replica of the colony on Earth. The replica, possibly planned for Colorado, Florida, or New Mexico, will charge admission and hope to raise $7 million in revenue.

The model colony would provide a research facility to explore new patents and technology required for life on Mars. Industrial processes would be optimized to use minimal amounts of raw materials to build the initial structures and support systems for the colony. Other goals of the company include licensing technology to other aerospace companies, including NASA, and building space-themed movie sets. 4Frontiers is optimistic and hopes to create the settlement within 20 years.

Born Free Eggs

from **Eggs,** *page 22*

“People want to know where their food is coming from, how it’s produced, what’s in it, and how it’s stored and transported.”

Radlo said he decided to open Born Free to capitalize on new trends among consumers, who are becoming more and more worried about health and safety in the food chain. “It’s kind of a red state-blue state phenomenon,” he said in the *Globe* aricle, “A lot of people from the red states seem to like the homeland security part of it. And a lot of people from the blue states want to make sure they have the best, freshest products they can serve their families.”

The laser technology is being supplied by EggFusion Inc., a Deerfield, IL company, and is similar to that used for eye surgery.

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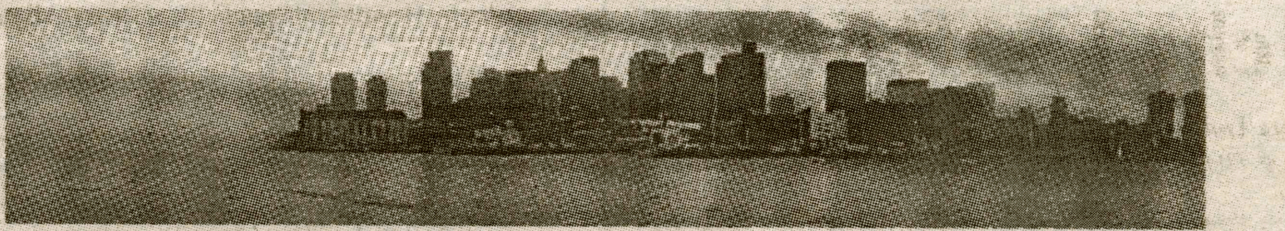

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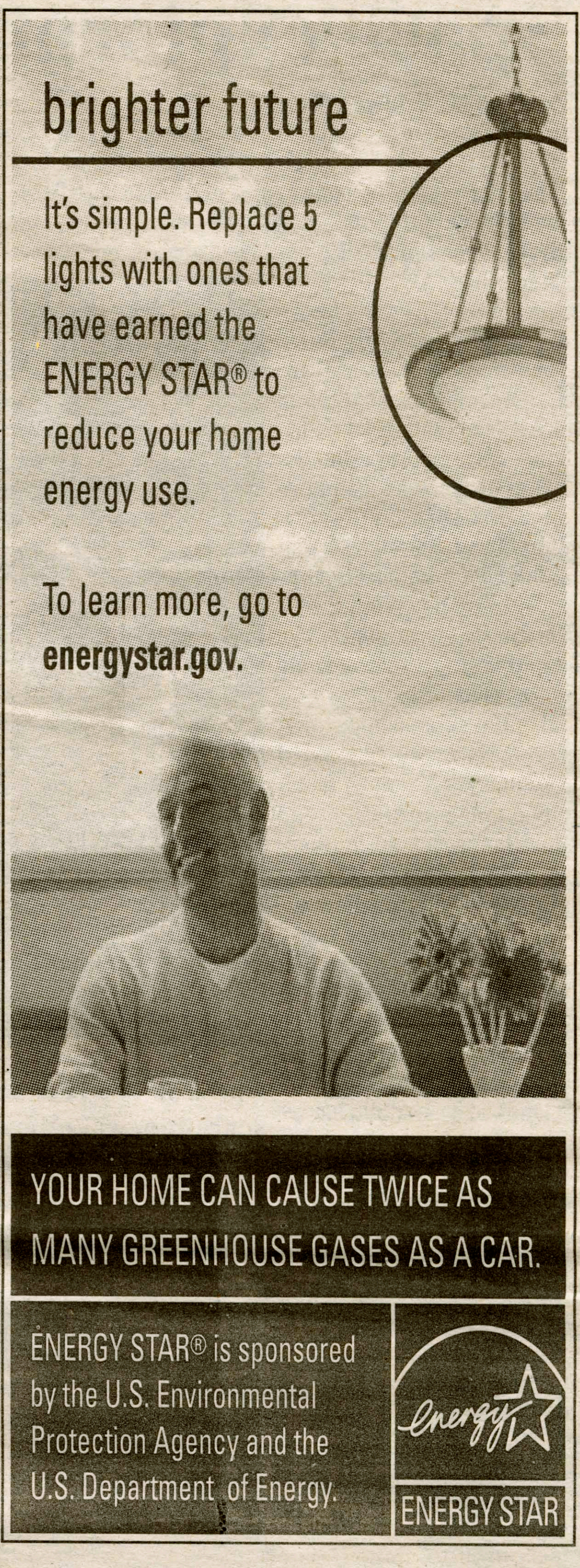

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Football stumbles in season opener vs. Amherst

Continentals square off against Wesleyan Cardinals tomorrow in Fallcoming match-up

by Austin Finan '08
Sports Writer

The Hamilton College Football team envisioned a different beginning to the 2005 season than the one they produced last Saturday. Seeking to avenge last season's disappointing loss to Amherst, the Continentals fell short of the Lord Jeffs, 28-3. Hamilton relinquished 485 yards of total offense while only managing 179 yards of their own in the losing effort. The Continentals have now lost their last seven contests to the Jeffs.

Amherst was on fire from the start of the game. Junior and first year starting quarterback Nick Kehoe led his troops 52 yards down the field on the game's opening drive. The drive was topped off with senior halfback Ngai Otieno's seven yard touchdown run to put the Jeffs up by seven.

Hamilton senior quarterback Brandon Holtslag and company responded valiantly on the ensuing drive but were unable to put any points up on the board. Holtlsag, who was 16 of 27 passing on the day, was stymied by the Jeff's defense and was sacked twice in the game by Amherst seniors Kelvin Coker and L.J. Spinnato.

The Continentals' took a serious hit when Amherst increased their lead to 14-0 on junior wideout Mark Hannon's 90-yard run down the left sideline. The play came on third down after Hamilton had pinned the Lord Jeffs deep in their own zone. Hannon's run zapped the energy out of the crowd and seemed to affect the team as well. "In my estimation, that was the turning point of the game. If we had forced them to punt, we would have had great field position to rack up a few points," said sophomore tailback Claudius Zorokong.

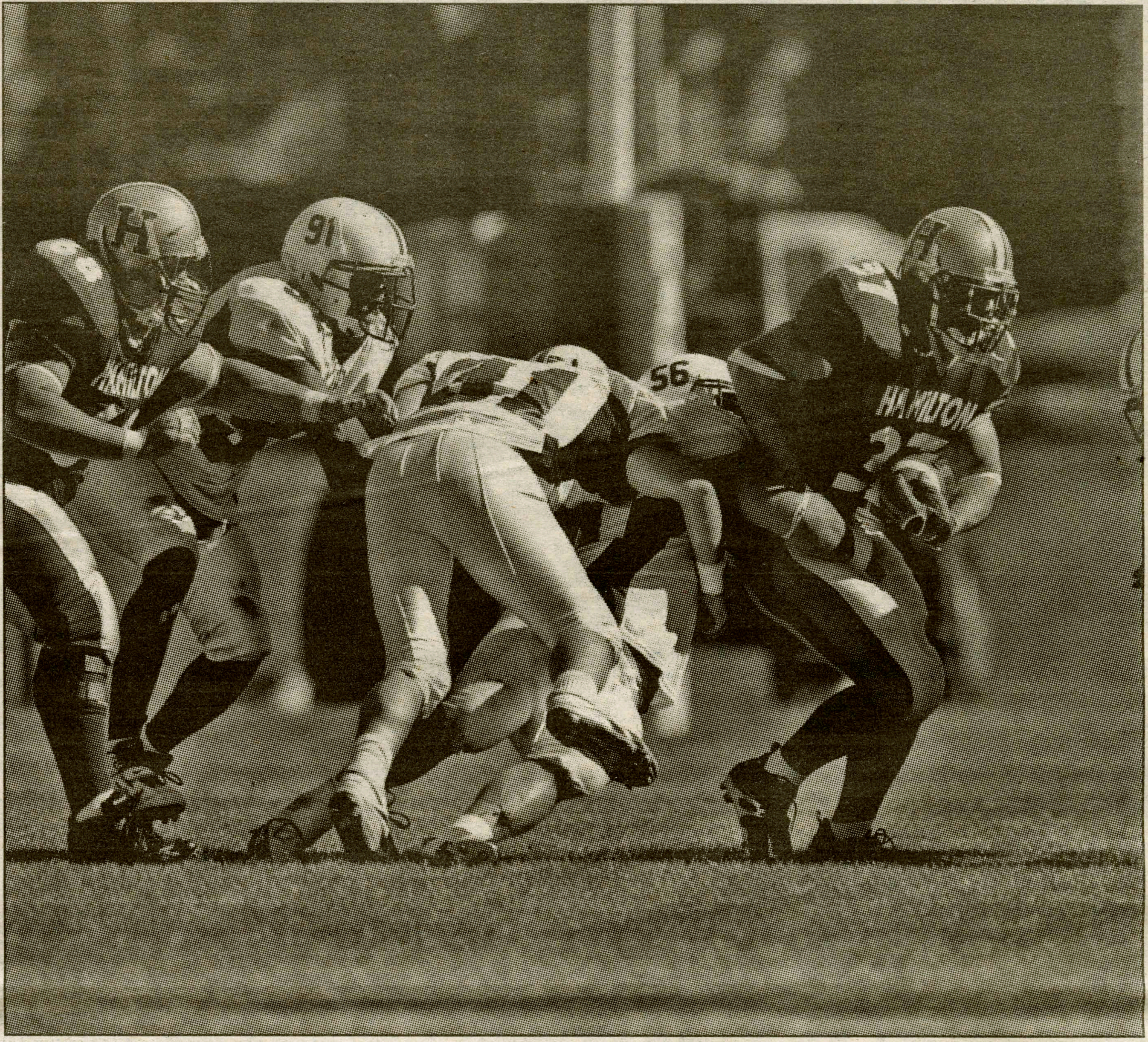
Again, the Continentals were unable to respond with any offensive fire power. Despite their command of the game, Amherst continued to play aggressive football. On their next drive, the Jeff's improved their lead to 21-0 when Kehoe connected with sophomore wideout Mike Myers for a 30-yard touchdown pass.

On what would have been an easy day to throw in the towel, Hamilton refused to quit and finally put a dent in the Jeff's defense on the next drive. The Continentals marched down the field to Amherst's ten yard line where Holtslag and the offense was halted. However, the team didn't walk away empty handed as junior kicker Pete Kopp connected for a 24-yard field goal to set the score at 21-3 before the half.

Neither squad was able to generate any offense in the third quarter of play, but Hamilton came out firing in the fourth. The Continentals offense battled all the way to the Jeff's 20-yard line. Hamilton could smell the end zone, as they had a few times during the day, but Amherst managed to force the Continentals into a fourth and long situation. Hamilton had their fourth down effort squandered when senior Amherst linebacker Justin Roemer broke up Holtslag's pass and thus forced a turnover on downs. Amherst added another seven points and eventually went on to defeat Hamilton, 28-3.

Team defense, especially in the second half was very strong. Hamilton limited the Lord Jeffs to only seven points in the second half, keeping the game close. Matt Pitarresi '08 led the defense with nine tackles. Other personal highlights include sophomore Joe Rinaldo's game-high 8 catches.

The Continentals remain optimistic despite their poor showing in their season opener. "Amherst is a solid team, there is no doubt about it. I think we could have played a better game, sure, but there is always next week, and Wesleyan is our focus now. I'm confident that we'll bounce back," remarked Zorokong.



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Tom Tidgwell is hounded by a slew of Amherst defenders in the Continentals's 28-3 loss on Saturday.

After two tough losses, field hockey to face SLU tomorrow

by Matt Bradley '07
Sports Writer

After essentially dominating Hartwick College on Tuesday, September 20, the Hamilton field hockey team finished off its week with a difficult two-game series on the road. Hamilton met Union College this past Friday, September 23 in Schenectady, NY, and then moved on to nationally ranked Skidmore College the following day. Unfortunately, the two-game road-stint proved taxing for the Continentals, who dropped both away games.

Hamilton's Liberty League opener against Union was a back-and-forth battle between two evenly matched teams. Union picked up the game's first goal just over eleven minutes into the half. About eight minutes later, however, Jess "Sophomore Sensation" Goldberg '08 made it a 1-1 game thanks to an unassisted rebound for a goal.

The 1-1 tie remained until Union's Kristin "One Lucky Game" Murphy threw in her first of four goals against Hamilton. As the clock ticked down towards the end the first half, the Continentals faced a one-goal deficit against a comparable adversary.

The Continentals were able to bounce back from their 2-1 deficit to the Dutchwomen. Just 4:17 into the second half, Hamilton once again evened the score. On a great offensive combo, "Man-handling" Marley Berns '08 passed it to the infamous co-captain, Kristin "Six-Gun" Archibald '06, for the score.

Unfortunately, this was the last moment where Hamilton was in range to take the lead, because just a minute and-a-half later, the "Kristin Murphy Show" show began. Union's Murphy scored her second, third, and fourth goals of the game during this period. Hamilton watched as the 2-2 tie diminished into a 5-3 deficit.

Still, with just 6:43 remaining, Kerry "Goal Grabber" Leonard '07 picked up a morale-boosting (and team-leading) score against Union from ten-yards out. Overall, the stats tell a different story than the score. Hamilton rivaled Union in shots-on-goal as well as penalty corners. The slight Union advantage in both categories, however, 22-20 and 15-10 respectively, may have made the important difference.

Hamilton had similar bad luck against nationally ranked Skidmore College the following day. Obviously still upset from its loss the prior day, Hamilton could not muster the guster to defeat the Skidmore powerhouse. Skidmore won the game by keeping the ball on Hamilton's end of the field. The Continentals only managed to attempt one shot-on-goal during the first 35-minute half. In contrast, Skidmore picked up eleven shots against the almost impervious Erin Weinstock '07 in the first half, two of which were converted into goals.

The second half also proved disappointing for the Continentals. Skidmore continued its offensive tear, picking up two more goals during the final half. While the (7-0) Thoroughbreds dominated the Continentals in attempted shots, they also posted an overwhelming 14-4 lead in penalty corners throughout the game. It was not an 0-4 loss for Hamilton last Saturday, however. With 1:38 remaining in the game, Emily Gambir '07 knocked in an impressive, unassisted score.

While Hamilton dropped two important conference games on the road, the squad has a chance to redeem itself this Saturday, October 1. The Continentals will be facing the Saints from St. Lawrence University in the third Liberty League match-up this season. Hamilton will host St. Lawrence at 2 p.m. on the turf field. Expect Hamilton to break out all its resources to come away with an important conference win.

Men's soccer suffers first loss, 0-2 to Ithaca

PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '07

Aaron Smith works on speed and ball control. These have been the strengths behind the Continentals offense, which was undefeated until Tuesday's game against Ithaca in a non-league game. The men play at Hobart tomorrow.

by Meaghan LaVangie '09
SPORTS WRITER

On Tuesday, the men's soccer team suffered their first loss of the season to Ithaca, falling 0-2 to the Bombers. Ithaca out-shot Hamilton 19-8. Since the defeat was a non-league game, the Continentals remain ranked second in the Liberty League, with a League record of 1-0-1.

Last Saturday's game against St. Lawrence ended in a scoreless tie after a hard fought and emotional game. "We battled St. Lawrence for 110 minutes. The advantage of play kept going back and forth between us and St. Lawrence," said Nikle Guzijan '06. "We had our chances and they had theirs. Nobody was able to finish the ball. We were a little tired and beat up from Friday's game, but so were they."

Throughout the game, goalie Anthony Tripicchio '06 was peppered with shots, but managed to make 11 saves to keep the game locked at 0-0. It was Tripicchio's second shut out of the season.

On Friday, September 23, the Continentals defeated Clarkson 3-1. Greg Rogan '07 earned one goal and two assists. Matt Clausen '06 and Ian Hildebrand '07 also scored one goal each. It was Clausen's first career goal.

Hamilton controlled Clarkson the entire game and out-shot them by a count of 13-9. The Continentals also earned ten corner kicks to Clarkson's one. "We showed up at Clarkson ready to play. We worked hard all week in practice and it really showed in Friday's game," said Guzijan. "We played well as a team and really controlled the flow of the game."

Two players from the Continentals men's soccer team were awarded Liberty League honors on Sept. 19: Rogan earned Offensive Performer of the Week and Zach Kelly '07 was named Defensive Performer of the Week for their performances against Nazareth and SUNY Oswego.

The team will travel to Hobart this Saturday for another conference game at 2 p.m. On Sunday, the men will take part in an alumni game at noon on Love Field.

Golf places 10th out of 24 at Williams Invitational

The Continentals will play same course at NESCACs this weekend

by Doug Paetzell '09
Sports Writer

Last weekend, the golfers of Hamilton College stepped onto the Tactonic Golf Course and finished tenth place at the Williams Invitational. This performance proved to be monumental, as the team competed against some of the fiercest competition in the country.

Prior to the match, the Continentals were nervous as they surveyed the fairways and walked the greens of the renowned Tactonic Golf Course. "It's one of the best courses we play and it has hosted several United States Golf Association Championships in the past," explained Mike Hayes '08. "It is the top rated university course in the country and like any excellent course, it tests all phases of your game."

Adding to Continentals's anxiety were the competitors they were about to face. "The field was a strong one," said Hayes. "Skidmore, ranked 22nd in the country in the latest coaches poll, won with a 594 on tie breaks over Nebraska Wesleyan, ranked fourth in the country."

From the beginning of the match the Hamilton golfers proved they were able to compete with some of the best. The team showed they could work well together by staying strong, making key shots and showing their determination throughout the weekend.

"I think we all played pretty consistently," said Coach Al Highducheck. He added, "Even though we all like to go out and play well, if someone is having a rough day, someone always seems to step it and fill the void. There's a certain level of competition between everyone on the team, but we're always willing to encourage one another to play well."

Leading the charge for Hamilton was Hayes, who shot a 73 in his first round and a 78 in his final round, leading to an impressive 19th place at the Williams Invitational. Behind Hayes was Dan Treichler '08, who shot an admirable 155. Matching him was Kevin Osbourne '09, who shot his first round at 78 and his final round at 77.

Another respectable showing came from Chris Pike '07, who finished the tournament with a final tally of 159 strokes.

After the tournament had concluded, the golfers looked back, commended themselves and looked for ways to improve for their next match. Highducheck explained, "I think the team just has to concentrate on consistency and taking one shot at a time."

In the future, the Continentals are looking forward to the future so that their young team– one junior, two sophomores, and two freshmen – will have time to mature and become more experienced with college play. "As our young players play more and their comfort level increases, we'll see if we can become a better team," said Hayes.

For now, the Hamilton College golfers are looking forward to next weekend when they return to Williams College to compete for the NESCAC Championship title. "Williams and Middlebury have each finished ahead of us twice in two meetings so far this fall and Williams will have a big advantage with the home course edge," Hayes said.

"We have the ability to shoot good scores and we have to make that our primary goal," explained Highducheck. As the tension mounts for this match, Hayes added, "I'm looking forward to a fun and exciting weekend of competition."

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Crew looks ahead to first regatta next weekend

PHOTO COURTESY OF KOSTA POPOVIC '06

by Eileen Starrett '07
Sports Writer

While the crew team's season has not yet started, next weekend they head to their first regatta, the Stonehurst, in Rochester, N.Y., followed by fall break training trip and then the Head of the Charles in Boston, MA.

For those readers who don't understand crew, the boat consists of eight rowers and a coxswain. Four ports and four starboards fill the remaining seats. The stroke seat sets the stroke rating for rest of the boat to follow in unison. The women's eight has yet to be set, but will be determined by next weekend's regatta. Last year's eight consists of team co-captains Anne Kurtz '06 and Alexis Castrovinci '06, who were bow seat and seven-seat. Sarah Henochowicz '08 was the stroke and Kate Brandli '07 was coxswain.

The rest of the boat includes: Annie Bowler '08, Katie Goodwin '08, Catrin Jones '08, Brie O'Reilly '07 and Kate Pallin '07. Annie Bowler '08 will also row individually this season.

O'Reilly said the team's dynamic will be key this season. "Our strongest aspect as a team is that we believe and trust in each other," she said. "Especially in a sport like crew, you can in no way compete as an individual."

Under the guidance of second-year coach Eric Summers, the team has a great deal to accomplish. Summers, said O'Reilly, "has taken the program to a whole new level through his intensity and dynamic with our team."

In terms of the toughest competition of the season, O'Reilly cites the Head of the Charles as the biggest race of the season. "The Head of the Charles will be our biggest race this season," she said. "Teams from all states bring their strongest boats and best competition to reveal what they have trained for the whole season."

To prepare for the regattas, the team has been training since school started. Traveling 15 miles each day by van or bus to Rome is just a small price to pay for the amount of training they accomplish, weather permitting.

Beat the Experts

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Soccer wins back to back weekend games

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Captain Kristine Cupertino celebrates a 1-0 victory over St. Lawrence last Saturday. The Continentals defeated Clarkson the day before with a score of 5-1. In the Liberty League standings, the women are tied for first place with William Smith, whom they play tomorrow.

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Hamilton's Lady Continentals lit up Love Field last weekend as they defeated Clarkson University on Friday with a score of 5-1 and St. Lawrence on Saturday by a margin of 1-0. These games helped to show the Continentals's dominance by winning two consecutive games.

"Clarkson has usually been an easier game, as they are generally towards the bottom of our conference," explained Captain Elizabeth Roberts '06. Though the players were confident about their game, they were still cautious in their approach, as they recalled last year's game against Clarkson, which ended in a 1-0 overtime battle for victory.

As the game started against Clarkson, Hamilton played well, showing Clarkson their precise passing, unmatched speed, and high intensity. "We definitely came out ready to play against them, and even though we didn't score until the second half, we never let down," said Captain Kristine Cupertino '07.

Though Hamilton played much better in the first half, Clarkson managed to get the first goal. Roberts explained, "Although we had excellent scoring opportunities both halves, we only took advantage of them during the second half."

Leading the charge against Clarkson was Sarah Felder '07, who put on a spectacular performance by scoring a goal and providing two assists. Another impressive performance came from Eileen Fisher '07, who also scored a goal and assisted another goal. Fisher added onto her astonishing collegiate career by scoring her 20th career goal for the Continentals. Taylor Brady '08 also stepped up by providing one of five goals in the offensive attack.

On Saturday, the level of tension rose as the Continentals awaited the presence of St. Lawrence's team. "St. Lawrence is always a tough team, even though we beat them last year," said Cuptertino.

This next match against St. Lawrence was much different. "Our game against St. Lawerence was a physical battle," explained Cupertino. "St. Lawrence has some very decent offensive players who gave us a good run around, but we were able to step up for the second half and dominate the play for the rest of the game," added Roberts.

Captain Liz Roberts guided the team to victory Saturday against the tough St. Lawrence team. In the 24th minute of play, Sarah Felder '07 placed a corner kick perfectly for Roberts, who headed the ball into the goal. This single goal proved to be the defining point of the game for the Continentals.

Throughout the weekend, determination, persistence, and team chemistry proved to be a key factor in the two victories. "We showed strong persistence and heart in both games. We didn't let down and gave it one hundred percent until the final whistle," said Cupertino. She added, "The team chemistry was great in both games – we get along with each other very well and have fun out there on the field."

The Continentals' next game is home against William Smith, who Hamilton is currently tied with for first place in the Liberty League. "They are a great team and we have to go into this game ready to play," explained Cupertino. Roberts expects "the team to play the best we can possibly play – if we do this, I expect we will win."

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FALLCOMING WEEKEND

Schedule of this weekend's home games

Saturday 10/1	M/W Cross country Liberty League Tourn.	noon
	Football v. Wesleyan	12:30 p.m.
	Women's soccer v. William Smith	1 p.m.
	Field Hockey v. St. Lawrence	2 p.m.
Sunday 10/2	Men's soccer Alumni Game	noon